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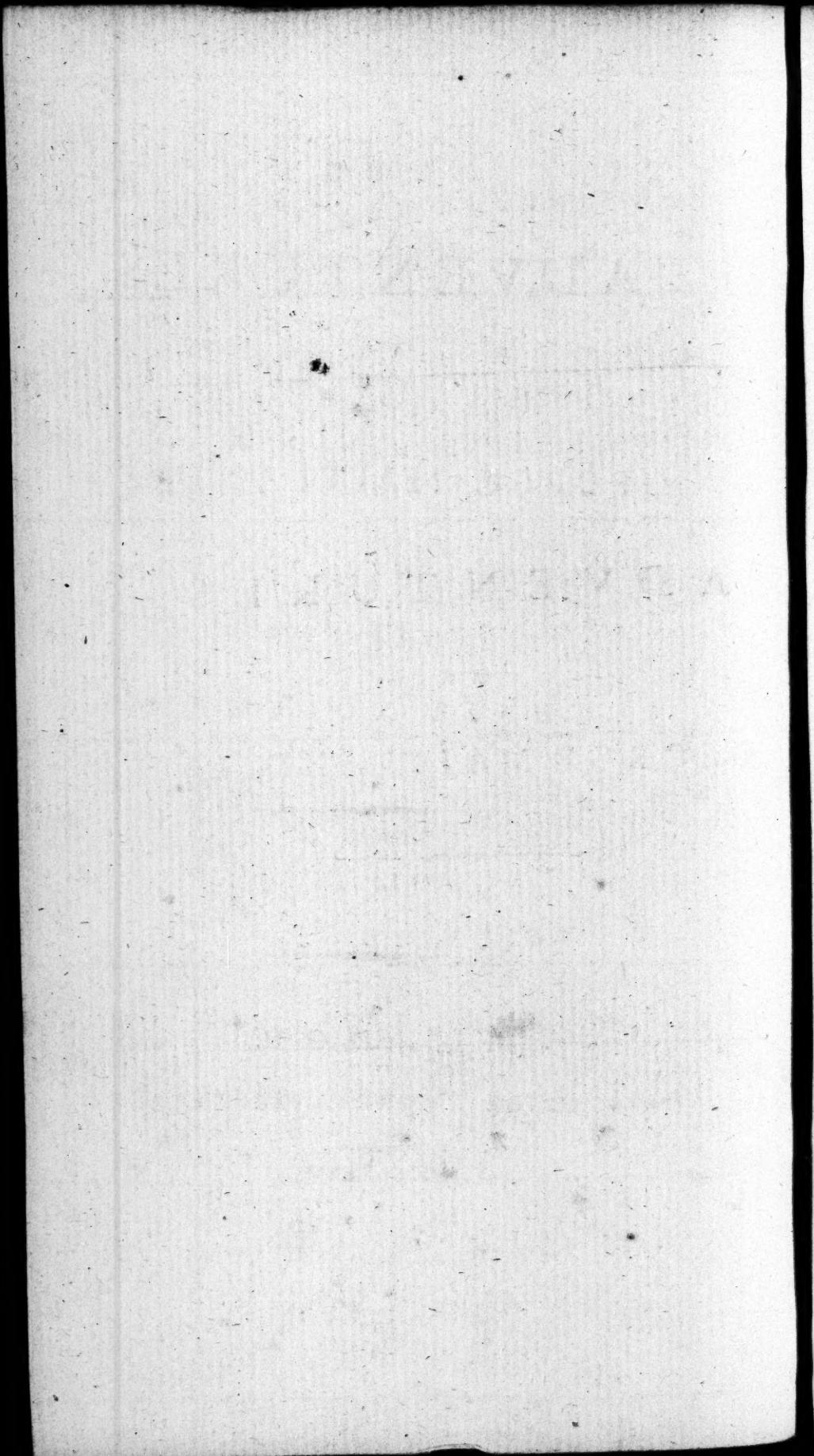
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CHAPTER I.

*The adventures of the marchioness —*

“ **Y**OU are so well acquainted with  
“ the motives to my lord marquis’s  
“ attachment to the Stuart family, and  
“ the transactions of the late rebellion,  
“ that I shall not begin my narration  
“ higher than the battle of Culloden,  
“ which put a period to the hopes of the  
“ party. But I must acquaint you, my

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“ lord

“ lord duke, that my husband before that  
“ action, grew heartily sick of his com-  
“ pany, often complained of the arrogance  
“ of —, and when he had conversed  
“ with the Chevalier after his arrival, I  
“ remember he made use of these remark-  
“ able expressions. ‘ A poor tool, indeed !  
“ fitter to be prior of a monastery than a  
“ king ; but we are in for it, and now it is  
“ too late for repentance ? ’

“ AFTER that decisive action my lord  
“ found means to escape to France, whilst  
“ I threw myself upon your goodness at  
“ Brome-hall. There I continued happy  
“ in the constant proofs of your and my  
“ sister’s affection, for near two years ; till  
“ the marquis, who could be easy no longer  
“ without the sight of me, found means to  
“ slip over to England, and unexpectedly  
“ surprised and pleased us with his com-  
“ pany.

“ pany. Perhaps, my lord duke, it is the  
“ greatest trial I have to undergo in this re-  
“ lation, that I shall be forced to censure  
“ some passages in the conduct of a man I  
“ so tenderly love.” — At this the tears  
started into her eyes. But soon resuming  
herself she proceeded.

“ Both you, and my sister, studied to  
“ make our abode here agreeable; but this  
“ dear man, always upon some new scheme,  
“ determined to visit Scotland, there to  
“ endeavour to settle some pecuniary af-  
“ fairs. And though I, with tears, and  
“ upon my knees, convinced that he was  
“ so well known there, as to make all  
“ concealment impossible, besought him  
“ not to venture; still he persisted in his  
“ project, and made a request to you, by  
“ which you justly supposed he was going  
“ again to light up flames in his suffering

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“ country. This request, was the loan of  
“ 4000l. a sum for which you believed he  
“ had no present occasion himself, and had  
“ it been employed in his purposes of re-  
“ venge, it must have proved your own  
“ ruin. You, with proper firmness, and  
“ with the most mild, yet cogent reasons,  
“ denied him; and some heated expressions  
“ passing between you upon the occasion,  
“ he immediately came to my apartment,  
“ the very room in which we now are, and  
“ with a voice and accent that made me  
“ tremble, said, ‘ Come, madam! let us  
“ fly this place—which is no longer worthy  
“ of your presence. I have lived to expe-  
“ rience, that the ties of blood and friend-  
“ ship no longer bind than fortune smiles  
“ upon us; but if ever more I enter these  
“ doors, or hold conversation with the in-  
“ habitants, may I never prosper in any of  
“ my enterprizes!’

“ So

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“ So saying, all wild with resentment,  
“ he made me pack up the few valuables  
“ I had, which laying upon Jenkins’s  
“ shoulder, who you knew was the only  
“ domestic we retained about us, and not  
“ suffering me to take my leave of you, we  
“ sallied forth, and walked all the way on  
“ foot till we came to Brankston. There  
“ we procured horses, and nothing would  
“ do but we must bend our course to my  
“ father’s, where he hoped to hear tidings  
“ of my brother-in-law, the earl of ——,  
“ supposing him to have concealed himself  
“ in that neighbourhood.

“ We arrived at my native seat that  
“ evening, and found as we imagined a  
“ very cordial reception. But it was only  
“ in appearance. For my father, though  
“ you are sensible he leaned to the same  
“ side, after matters had terminated to the

“ advantage of the reigning family, en-  
“ deavoured by all means to curry favour  
“ with the government. He therefore sent  
“ his gentleman with a billet to the mar-  
“ quis the next day, acquainting him,  
‘ that he was welcome to stay a day or two,  
‘ if he was prudent and kept within doors ;  
‘ but that after he had refreshed himself,  
‘ he would have him depart, with his un-  
‘ happy daughter, “ so he stiled me,” as  
‘ he could not answer to his allegiance the  
‘ harbouring us ; and should be obliged to  
‘ give an account to the commander in  
‘ chief for his own safety, if we remained  
‘ longer under his roof.’

“ I MUST own I never was so much  
“ shocked in my life, and the inhumanity  
“ of my father oppressed my spirits to such  
“ a degree, that I fell back into a swoon  
“ on the bed where I was sitting. It was  
“ indeed

“ indeed ungrateful and cruel, as the mar-  
“ quis, since our marriage, had served him  
“ on many occasions, and generously re-  
“ linquished the half of my fortune in fa-  
“ vour of my sister, the countess of \_\_\_\_\_.  
“ But ambition and avarice will deaden  
“ and expunge from the soul the most ten-  
“ der and natural propensities. I was as  
“ much in haste, when I came to myself,  
“ to quit this house, as the marquis had  
“ been to quit Brome-hall, and ordering  
“ the good Jenkins to get our horses  
“ ready, we sat out without waiting upon  
“ my father, though I left a letter, that I  
“ have heard since cost him some tears.  
“ We were the readier to quit the spot, as  
“ we could hear no tidings of my brother-  
“ in-law and sister, which much surprised  
“ us, the marquis being positive they had  
“ never yet been in France.

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“ FROM my father’s, travelling mostly  
“ in the night, we got as far as Appin in  
“ the Highlands, where we were in hopes  
“ we should not only meet with a safe re-  
“ treat, from a gentleman under many  
“ obligations to the marquis, but also a  
“ supply of 800l. which he had deposited  
“ in his hands, and of which we began to  
“ be in some want. Jenkins had instruc-  
“ tions to go first, and found him as to  
“ the reception we might expect, which ac-  
“ cordingly he did. But he informed us  
“ at his return, that he would by no means  
“ have us put ourselves into his hands, de-  
“ scribing the embarrassment under which  
“ he appeared at the sight of him, in con-  
“ sequence of which, in all haste, we turned  
“ off towards Inverness. It was well we  
“ came to this resolution, for the next day  
“ we heard at Kenneth Macdonald’s, a te-  
“ nant

“ nant of the marquis's, where we quar-  
“ tered in security, that the whole country  
“ was up after the marquis, such speedy  
“ intelligence had been given by this base  
“ man, of our being somewhere in the  
“ Highlands, which he conjectured by  
“ Jenkins's appearance there.

“ THE second day the search was con-  
“ tinued so strictly, that we were obliged  
“ once more to set out in the middle of the  
“ night, and in a few days got safe to Pe-  
“ terhead, where, at the house of Sir —,  
“ we met with that repose to which we had  
“ so long been strangers. Under all these  
“ dangers, difficulties, and fatigues, hea-  
“ ven gave me strength and resolution su-  
“ perior to my sex. Indeed, I tenderly  
“ loved the dear author of my pains, and  
“ was resolved never more to be separated  
“ from him, and this was what kept up

“ my spirits. Nor could any testimonies  
“ of affection equal those I received from  
“ him in this distress—he ‘ poured the  
‘ balm of love into my soul, and hugged  
‘ me to my rest,’ and, as he saw it gave me  
“ pain, he forbore to shew his usual impa-  
“ tience, and resentful temper, bating with  
“ circumstances, permit me to say, never  
“ was a more excellent and worthy man  
“ breathing. But your grâces remember  
“ him too well to need any recapitulation  
“ of his virtues.” At this sentence the  
dutchesess could not refrain from tears, in  
which she was joined by the mother and  
her amiable daughter.

“ We found now, that Scotland, as well  
“ as England, would be unsafe for us to  
“ stay in long, and therefore the marquis,  
“ by the advice of his friend, endeavoured  
“ to supply himself with a stock of cash  
“ sufficient

“ sufficient for our occasions, from those  
“ to whom he had confided his ready mo-  
“ ney. And not finding any more such  
“ black ingratitude as at Appin, he had  
“ the good fortune to recover near 3000.  
“ with which we embarked, privately, in a  
“ fishing vessel, after bidding a tender adieu  
“ to the good baronet. Soon after we ar-  
“ rived safe at Dunkirk, and immediately  
“ taking post-chaises we set out for Paris,  
“ where we began to recover ourselves from  
“ our past anxieties. We lived in the  
“ happiest situation for three years in this  
“ city, highly respected by the ministry,  
“ as we asked no favours, and careffed by  
“ the whole court; and here I was delivered  
“ of this pledge of our mutual affection,  
“ who was destined to comfort me in all  
“ my afflictions.

“ THOUGH living is not over dear at  
“ Paris, yet the generosity of the marquis  
“ to his countrymen, under the same mis-  
“ fortunes, and that universal benevolence  
“ of temper that he possesses, began to de-  
“ crease our little stock apace, and as he  
“ had not thought proper to close with  
“ some proposals made him by the English  
“ ministry, which included conditions that  
“ he thought wounded his honour too  
“ deeply, he now began to think of ap-  
“ plying for a regiment at the court of  
“ France, for the support of his family  
“ and his rank; for though often urged  
“ by me, he persisted in his resolution of  
“ not corresponding with you or my father,  
“ from whom I now make no doubt of his  
“ receiving proper supplies. Nay, he had  
“ entertained so mean an opinion, of late,  
“ of the abilities of the chevalier, and the  
“ politics

“ politics of his adherents, who made a  
“ ridiculous appearance in France, that he  
“ for some time had declined any connexion  
“ with them, and was often involved in so  
“ deep a melancholy, in reflecting on the  
“ ruin he had brought upon himself and  
“ family, as required all my soothing ten-  
“ derness to dissipate it.

“ THE regent, the most double dealing  
“ man alive, was so sensible of his merit,  
“ and the great fortune and high rank he  
“ had forfeited at home, that he soon ob-  
“ tained his desire, and with it the govern-  
“ ment of the isles of St. Marguarite.  
“ And now I soon perceived a total change  
“ in his mind ; he had, after many strug-  
“ gles, reasoned himself out of the haugh-  
“ tiness and impatience of his temper ; he  
“ grew placid, mild, and easy in his pre-  
“ sent condition, and one day, taking me  
“ by

“ by the hand, with a rapturous emotion  
“ of tenderness, he cried, ‘ O my dearest  
“ Maria ! at length you have conquered  
“ me ! Your patience, your magnanimity,  
“ under our misfortunes, has at length  
“ taught me to bear them like a man ! Fare-  
“ wel all the pomp and splendor of life—  
“ farewell dangerous ambition, and hated  
“ politics ; for the future I will study my  
“ real happiness better, and repay thee all  
“ the tenderness I owe thee, thou excellent  
“ woman !’ Believe me, so great an alter-  
“ ation made him still more dear to me ; I  
“ now thought myself the happiest woman  
“ breathing ; and my hours flowed in un-  
“ .interrupted content. I forgot the rank  
“ I formerly possessed, was constantly bu-  
“ sied in the care of my family and my  
“ daughter, and exerting myself to please  
“ this much loved man. But the death of  
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“ the regent; who had been more a friend  
“ to the marquis than to any of the Scotch  
“ exiles, soon altered our scene of life, and  
“ once more forced us to seek a place of re-  
“ sidence. In short, my husband stood so  
“ ill with the succeeding ministry, that he  
“ lost his regiment and government, and  
“ was resolved to retire from Paris. Ac-  
“ cordingly we disposed of our effects, and  
“ set out for Morlaix, a place in which,  
“ during his former stay in France, he had  
“ contracted several friendships, and the  
“ situation of which pleased him. For  
“ my part, it was all one to me where I  
“ resided, so that I enjoyed the company  
“ of my husband and daughter, though I  
“ frequently sent a sigh after my relations  
“ at home, and particularly this family.  
“ But still I was fearful of moving a re-  
“ conciliation, lest the old understand-  
“ ing

“ ing should afresh break out into expressions of fury and resentment.

“ ALL this time we never heard a syllable either of the earl or countess of—, which greatly surprised us, especially as we had never been able to conjecture the methods they had taken to conceal themselves so closely from friend and foe. We however, reflected upon it as an instance of that uncommon wisdom and prudence, with which this dear brother and sister were blessed in a remarkable degree.

“ SOON after our arrival at Morlaix, the faithful Jenkins, the best of friends and servants, left us, at his request, to see an aged parent, as he said, and since that time I have never seen him. I am charmed to hear of his having been so happy in Mr. Maitland’s family, and I hope I shall one day have an opportunity

“ nity to express the grateful sense I have  
“ of his good qualities.

“ AT Morlaix, for some months after  
“ our arrival, we were honourably enter-  
“ tained at the marquis Du Pre's, a noble-  
“ man of great possessions in that province,  
“ who would not suffer us to take an house,,  
“ but insisted upon our making use of that  
“ he had in town, and another at some  
“ miles distance in the country. During  
“ all this time this friend had behaved un-  
“ exceptionably, till unhappily he con-  
“ ceived a passion for me, which hurried  
“ him into fatal extravagancies, at last cost  
“ him his life, and once more turned us  
“ into the wide world, as fugitives and  
“ wanderers. He had several times ven-  
“ tured to talk to me upon the subject,  
“ which I bore with a generous disdain  
“ and contempt, fearing by any word or  
“ look

“ look to betray his insolence to the mar-  
“ quis. But unfortunately for Du Pre,  
“ he took some liberties one day when he  
“ found me alone in my chamber, which  
“ obliged me to break from him, and fly,  
“ in the utmost disorder ; and the minute  
“ I got upon the stair-case, who should  
“ present himself but my husband, just re-  
“ turned from the chace, who, gazed with  
“ admiration at the figure I made, whilst  
“ the tears, perforce, trickled from my  
“ eyes ? Du Pre, blind to his fate, soon  
“ followed me, to try to appease my wrath,  
“ and became a spectator of the attitude  
“ in which we were, but not without the  
“ marquis’s observing that he came from  
“ my apartment. You may guess that a  
“ man of his temper, and fond of me to  
“ distraction, soon resolved what behaviour  
“ to assume. He took me by the hand,  
“ led

“ led me back to my apartment, passing  
“ by Du Pre with a menace in his face that  
“ the other too plainly understood, and  
“ locking me in, with my maid and child,  
“ sent a message to him, which was imme-  
“ diately obeyed, and he was left breath-  
“ less by the marquis’s sword in a wood at  
“ the back of his own house.

“ FOR above two hours I was lamenting  
“ the mischief that might ensue, when, at  
“ length, my husband returned with a  
“ smiling countenance, and, without a  
“ word, packed up all our clothes and  
“ jewels, and carried me directly the back  
“ way to the port, where he had secured a  
“ passage in a fishing vessel for Havre de  
“ Grace in Normandy, where we arrived  
“ without any accident. I was concerned  
“ at the unfortunate catastrophe of Du  
“ Pre, but still more for the danger of the  
“ marquis,

“ marquis, who, by this time, had been  
“ seeking for a passage to any place out of  
“ the French territories. He was not long  
“ engaged in this pursuit, for most for-  
“ tunately lighting upon one Maclelan,  
“ master of a Scotch brig, which had just  
“ completed her lading, he prevailed upon  
“ him, for a round sum, to put us over im-  
“ mediately to Dover. Never was joy like  
“ mine ! We were now in my native coun-  
“ try, and I hoped some kind influence or  
“ other would continue us there, and afford  
“ my husband rest after all his fatigues.

“ FROM Dover we proceeded to Can-  
“ terbury ; but, alas ! the malice of for-  
“ tune had not yet ceased pursuing us.  
“ Maclelan, who brought us over, knew  
“ the marquis, and being under some  
“ cloud with the government for frauds  
“ committed in the customs, he thought  
“ to

“ to make his peace by sacrificing my lord  
“ to their resentment, and accordingly be-  
“ trayed the place of our residence. But  
“ here I cannot enough acknowledge the  
“ service done us by the viscount —,  
“ who dispatched an express to us, advi-  
“ sing us to make the best of our way to  
“ some place of security, and informing us  
“ that measures were taken to secure the  
“ marquis’s person, warrants being already  
“ issued for that purpose. By continuing  
“ together, it would have been vain for  
“ him to pretend to escape; we therefore,  
“ after the bitterest tears ever shed, and  
“ with aching hearts, bid adieu to each  
“ other, I taking the rout of Scotland,  
“ and he, in a proper disguise, setting out  
“ for London, where he told me he would  
“ embark for Spain or Italy, and would  
“ then let me know his place of abode,  
“ and

“ and send for me to him. Alas! since  
“ that sorrowful moment, I have never  
“ had the least tidings of him, notwith-  
“ standing I have courted the welcome in-  
“ telligence, by writing to every part of  
“ these countries, and France, where I had  
“ any correspondents. The hopes of his  
“ being still living, alone prolongs my  
“ woeful days, and makes me endeavor to  
“ struggle with hateful life.”—Here, once  
more, the tears trickled down her cheeks,  
and all present sympathized in her grief.

AFTER a little pause she again resumed  
her story. “ For several years after this  
“ eruel separation I lived quite unknown  
“ and unnoticed, with a worthy widow  
“ lady at Anstruther, being careful to con-  
“ ceal myself from all the world, and par-  
“ ticularly from you, through a punctilio  
“ of not doing that in the absence of the  
“ man

“ man I love, that he would not suffer me  
“ to do when present; though the con-  
“ straint I imposed upon myself was ter-  
“ rible. In this retreat my dear daughter  
“ grew up, with advantages that declared  
“ the race from which she sprung, and, in  
“ part, atoned for the constant pain of  
“ mind, and anxiety I endured. But I  
“ took so much care to conceal her qua-  
“ lity from her, fearing she would never  
“ live to enjoy it, and willing to prepare  
“ her for a contented obscurity of life,  
“ that till the late happy discovery she  
“ never knew me by any other name than  
“ that of Mrs. Herbert, and believed her  
“ father to be only a private gentleman  
“ under misfortunes.

“ WHAT money I had, lasted me, with  
“ œconomy, notwithstanding I endea-  
“ voured to spare no expence in the edu-  
“ cation

“ cation of my daughter till within a year  
“ of this time ; since which I have been  
“ obliged, at times, to part with some of  
“ my less valuable jewels for our support.  
“ The reason of our coming to reside with  
“ Jacobs, was a certain propensity that  
“ involuntarily led me, to repair to the  
“ neighbourhood of places once so dear to  
“ me, and I had heard it whispered that  
“ my brother, the earl of ——, was  
“ somewhere in these parts, which he had  
“ made his constant residence since his at-  
“ tainer ; but I have hitherto sought him  
“ in vain. Here it was that I first saw  
“ these two young gentlemen, and before  
“ I knew who they were, both myself and  
“ daughter conceived a tender regard for  
“ them ; a regard which was heightened,  
“ more and more, by an acquaintance with  
“ their virtues and merits, and the obli-  
“ gations,

“gations, the invaluable obligations, that  
“the benevolence of their hearts induced  
“them to confer upon us. How can my  
“gratitude say too much in praise of the  
“preservers of my life—of my daughter  
“—of those by whose means I have hers  
“again restored to me, after having so  
“cruelly lost her, and who have also re-  
“stored to us my lord marquis, worthy,  
“now, of all our love and esteem. The  
“hand of Providence seems to have  
“brought about all these wonderful inci-  
“dents, that I may not relinquish my re-  
“liance upon its mercies; but as I have  
“recovered a brother and sister I so much  
“esteem, and am so advantageously situ-  
“ated as to my circumstances, may wait  
“with resignation and patience the blissful  
“moment, that may give to my arms the  
“best of husbands, if still, alas! he inha-  
“bits these regions of mortality.”

## CHAPTER II.

*Lord William remembers Mr. Gauden—A messenger dispatched to him—We set out to visit the place of my nativity—Our reception—Death of parson Gauden—Provide for another clergyman—Set out on our journey to London.*

THUS this amiable lady concluded her story, and left us all deeply affected with her misfortunes. The young marchioness silently dropped tears throughout the interesting narration, which gave her the complete knowledge of her rank and situation; the rest of the company sympathized, and even the marquis confessed more sensibility than ever I knew him capable of before.

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We all, in our turns, expressed our joy at the happy conclusion of their distresses ; and this young nobleman in a very polite and graceful manner, again begged pardon for his treatment of his cousin, and added, that he hoped the attractive examples daily before him would secure him from any future follies. Then turning to us, with an action as agreeable as unexpected, considering who it was, he said, " And " now, my lord, and captain Maitland, " permit me to make a third in a friend- " ship that has always been my envy. By " copying your excellencies, perhaps I " may in time give myself a claim upon " that, which I can now only hope from " your friendly indulgence."

LANGUAGE cannot describe the joy we conceived at his proposal, and the duke advancing towards him, cried out, taking

him by the hand, “ My dear lord, you  
“ have given me more pleasure by shewing  
“ this generous turn of mind, than ever  
“ you did before, and I assure you it shall  
“ efface from my breast any prepossessions  
“ to your prejudice. Yes, my son, you  
“ begin to convince me, that you are ca-  
“ pable of owning yourself in an error,  
“ which is the first step to reformation.  
“ Go on, sir, and become worthy of the  
“ honours to which you are born, and let  
“ these companions of your youth be the  
“ stays and friendly props of your age.  
“ An union of such friendly fraternity  
“ cannot fail of drawing down the blessings  
“ of God upon your heads.”

THESE words were scarcely out of the duke's mouth, before Mr. Kelly entered the room, to acquaint his grace, that the incumbent of a very good living in his  
gift

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gift had deceased three days before, and to present him three or four letters, that were already arrived from some of the neighbouring great men, to solicit the vacancy in behalf of the persons they recommended. He had no sooner withdrawn, than lord William addressed his father in these terms.

“ I beseech your grace to hear me a few words upon this topic, before you determine your choice. My friend here, in the infancy of our connection, introduced me to the conversation of an old and reverend clergyman, who had been his tutor, with whose innocence and simplicity of manners, I was so charmed, that I resolved with the first opportunity to recommend him to your grace’s notice. He has all his life been consigned to an obscurity, that permitted not his good qualities to appear in their full

“ lustre, and is now very ancient ; but let  
“ me intreat your grace to bestow your pre-  
“ sentation upon him, that he may have  
“ the satisfaction of spending his few re-  
“ maining days more comfortably than, I  
“ fear, he has those which are past.”  
The duke, with the utmost goodness, first  
asking the marquis if he had any one to  
recommend, and he having joined in his  
brother’s request with abundance of polite-  
ness, said, “ Well, I will oblige you and  
“ your friend, not doubting the justice of  
“ your character. Do you therefore dif-  
“ patch a messenger to the gentleman,  
“ with instructions to wait upon me im-  
“ mediately.”

THIS instance of my friend’s regard to a  
man I so much valued, and his remem-  
brance of the promise he so long ago made  
the old gentleman, gave me a greater sa-  
tisfaction

tisfaction than I was well able to express. At length however I said all that a grateful mind could dictate to him—to the duke and the marquis, and the minute we left the company, I dispatched my servant with a letter, in which I gave my worthy preceptor tidings of his happy fortune, and besought him to come over to Brome-hall with the messenger. And fearing age had rendered old Pyeball unserviceable, I ordered him to carry over the best gelding in the stables for the old gentleman's accommodation. In short, I was so wrapped up in the idea of making the good man happy, who united to that character in my faithful remembrance, that of the friend of the dear father I had lost, that I anticipated all the passages that I thought would occur in meeting, and delighted myself with the surprize I imagined the noble family would

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express, at the sight of so much primitive honesty and integrity ; and my lord William was as impatient as myself for his arrival, counting every hour till we thought he was near us.

ALAS ! how fleeting all our joys, how transient our pleasures ! James returned in a day and a half, but with a countenance of such concern, that I at once, turning to my friend, cried out, the minute I saw him, " Gracious God ! the good old man " then is dead !" And indeed it was little otherwise with him, for this trusty servant informed us, that he found him in bed, violently ill, but thoroughly sensible ; and that when his daughter told him from whom he came, he appeared so overjoyed that it had nearly overcome him. " My " friend," said he, " draw near, and tell " my dear pupil that I am going the way  
" of

“ of all flesh, but that I am thoroughly  
“ sensible of the favour his noble friend  
“ designed me ; and pray let him know  
“ that I shall die with less regret if he  
“ will favour me with a visit, for indeed I  
“ long very much to see him.”

WITH this intelligence I was wonderfully afflicted, and having imparted it to the duke, we begged leave of him to go over on the morrow to see the poor gentleman ; and as soon as the marquis heard of it, he offered his service to accompany us.

AND the duke kindly said, “ And now, my dear, you had as good, if you have courage enough, take leave of the well known haunts of your juvenile years, which, perhaps, it may be long before you have an opportunity of seeing again. And,” turning to my fair one, “ to

“ make your journey more pleasing, my  
“ niece shall make the tour with you. I  
“ know you are so respected every where,  
“ that you can accommodate her, even if  
“ you should stay out a night or two. It  
“ will do her good, and three such young  
“ gentlemen will be a very sufficient guard.  
“ What say you, madam,” addressing him-  
self to the marchioness, “ shall she go? I  
“ can see by her looks, the proposal  
“ pleases her.” “ Yes, my lord duke,”  
that lady replied, with all my heart, “ she  
“ will be rejoiced to see the captain’s  
“ birth place; the most minute circum-  
“ stances relating to those we love gives  
“ us pleasure.” I bowed very respectfully  
at this obliging discourse, and thanked the  
duke for his kind proposal, as we all did  
the marchioness for permitting her charm-  
ing daughter to bear us company.

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By the break of day we had got all things ready, and set forward, only attended by my man, for fear of incommo-  
ding too much the country people, the duke, the dutchess, and the marchioness  
wishing us a pleasant ride from the windows  
of their apartments. We endeavoured by  
every method in our power, to make the  
journey agreeable to our lovely charge,  
whose every accent conveyed delight and  
transport; but when we came near the  
well-known spot that was so dear to me,  
every device was employed in vain to keep  
me from a gloomy melancholy that spread  
itself over my soul. I recalled in spite of  
myself a thousand nameless, tender inci-  
dents to mind, when I surveyed the late  
happy residence of my dear parents. We  
were received with the highest civility by  
the present possessor of the farm, who had

been well known to me ; and the neighbours being informed of our arrival, came to see me with as much ceremony as if I had been a prince, and all in their honest plain way expressed their sorrow for my father's removal, and their joy at the prosperous circumstances of his son. In short, as soon as the first emotions of grief were a little subsided, I was obliged to assume a more cheerful air, that I might not appear wholly ungrateful to the honest farmers, by whose respectful assiduities, we were detained near two days.

IN the morning after our arrival, leaving my friends to indulge their repose, I got up, and traversed every part of this delightful vicinity, and visited every field, meadow and out-house, so well known to me when in my father's possession, and many a sigh, and many a tear the journey cost me.

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How many circumstances did I recollect to move me, even from my prattling infancy to the time I first heard of their loss? And how very cruel did their absence now seem to me! As the day advanced, the servants, one of whom had lived with my father, repaired to their several businesses, and this man accosted me with such reverence and affection, as convinced me how much he had loved his old master and mistress. I received his notices with infinite satisfaction, and enquired into a multitude of particulars relating to my parents, the answers to which still heightened my melancholy. Soon afterwards I was joined by our good-natured host, and the rest of our company, which forced me to resume a cheerful air, and my fair one said,

“ What, captain, you have been viewing  
“ your elysium all over, which indeed is

“ so

“ so charming, that methinks, I do not  
“ wonder at the happiness and serenity  
“ your worthy parents enjoyed in it.  
“ What can be more delightful than a re-  
“ treat like this, a faithful swain, a kind  
“ shepherdess, and the joys of love and  
“ friendship.” “ But,” added she, chang-  
ing her tone at once from lively to severe,  
with a sigh that pierced my soul, “ this is  
“ too great a happiness for mortals to ex-  
“ pect.” “ The difficulty,” I replied,  
“ in procuring this happiness, madam,  
“ lies in ourselves, and,” lord William  
and the marquis being somewhat before us,  
“ were I blessed with your company in  
“ such a retreat, I could with pleasure  
“ bid adieu to riches and honours, and all  
“ the world pursues with such avidity.”  
This sincere declaration was answered by  
the kindest look imaginable, and a speak-  
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ing blush that was rather the effect of a warmth of sentiment than of mere modesty.

AT length we left this dearly beloved spot, and soon arrived at squire Hammerton's, who could not enough express his gratitude for such an unexpected visit. Lady Harriet expressed in the most acceptable manner her gratitude for the obligations they had formerly conferred upon her, and Mrs. Hammerton, in her turn, contrived by all the ways in her power to render every thing agreeable to her.

SOON after we were seated, Mr. Hammerton cried, "Oh! captain Maitland, " if you do not make haste to see your old master, I fear you will see him no more " in the land of the living—his sand is " almost run." Upon this, lord William and I immediately prepared to visit him, the marquis declining to go with us, and

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rather chusing to partake of a hunting match with the squire, and the scene not being proper for the young lady to be present at. We soon arrived at Sprat's farm, who, with his wife, expressed all the joy of their honest hearts at the sight of me; but I was impatient to break from these signals of their regard, and enquired how their father did. To which I was answered, that he was just fallen into a doze, but that nature seemed quite spent in him, and he could not survive many hours. Hearing this, I accused myself of ingratitude in not making my visit first to him, who had so earnestly desired to see me, and waited with the utmost impatience for his awaking. Mean time we enquired into Mr. Sprat's affairs, who went on with success, and was now become a very topping farmer; and all on a sudden, not having seen old

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Tabitha, I cried out, " Madam, where is  
" that worthy creature ?" " Alas !" she  
replied—" I wondered you forgot her ;  
" but she has also been very ill for these  
" two days, and seems following her poor  
" master ; but to be sure she is very old !"

THE servant that watched by Mr. Gau-  
den, now gave us notice he was awake,  
and his daughter went to prepare him to  
receive us. He pressed my hand between  
his, and with a faltering voice, so much  
the sight of me had overcome him, told  
me, " Now, he was happy, and should  
" wait with patience the few moments he  
" had to tarry in the world." Seeing lord  
William, he made an effort to rise, but  
was prevented by my friend, who taking  
his hand, begged him not to incommod  
himself with any civilities, which he did  
not expect, or desire ; adding, " Indeed,  
" Sir,

“ Sir, I am severely afflicted to see you  
“ thus, for I interest myself in all that  
“ concerns you, and was in hopes to have  
“ had, for the future, more of your com-  
“ pany and conversation.” The old gen-  
tleman, quite melted with these testimo-  
nies of our affection, and more sensible  
than the by-standers of his near approach  
to death, said, “ O, my worthy friends, I  
“ beseech you to accept my unfeigned  
“ thanks for the late honour and favour you  
“ intended me; the thoughts of still being  
“ remembered by Mr. Maitland, and you,  
“ my lord, gave me such spirits, as have  
“ detained me some days longer in this  
“ weary world than nature seemed to per-  
“ mit.—I find now the moment of dissolu-  
“ tion approaching; come near, my  
“ children—let me bestow my last blessing  
“ upon you.” At these words, Sprat  
having

having just entered the room, we all, so much we were touched with his manner, knelt round his bed, when the good old gentleman, his strength being already exhausted, could only lift up his trembling hands, with a look and action of earnestness and benignity that were perfectly striking. Finding that our company was too much for his debilitated spirits to support, we now withdrew, and early the next morning we learned that he had resigned his soul into the hands of his Maker, without a struggle, or a groan.

I MUST own these things made me very pensive, and my friend knowing how much it would oblige me, proposed to send over to the squire's, to acquaint them of Mr. Gauden's exit, and to signify our desire of staying to assist at his funeral. I embraced this proposal with eagerness, as I was willing

ling to pay this last acknowledgment to the memory of a man, to whom I had been so much indebted; whose foibles now were quite obliterated, and whose virtues and excellencies stood in so eminent a point of view. We signified this resolution to his son and daughter, who thought themselves highly obliged by it; and, mean time, we did all we could to console the afflicted family, and bestowed several little presents upon their children, who were three pretty little fellows, and much like their grandfather. We also rode over to farmer Oates's, and visited all my old neighbours, many of whom remembered me with abundance of good will; nor did I forget to shew lord William our old house next the church, nor the famous outlet, through which the two parsons had called down the horned demon with their conjurations.

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THE day of Mr. Gauden's interment brought over squire Hammerton, his lady, the marquis, and lady Harriet, who all resolved to accompany his corpse to the grave ; which was beside attended by the whole body of his parishioners, who shed sincere tears over their loss ; and to this day his grave is beheld with reverence and respect by all the vicinity.

I EXPRESSED my acknowledgments to my fair one and the marquis upon this instance of their regard for me, and, after taking leave of Mr. Sprat and his wife, and chusing out of my departed friend's books his Greek testament, as my friend did his favourite Horace, with Bond's notes, we returned to the Holm, and spent another day very agreeably with the good squire and his lady.

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AND here, amongst other conversation, Mr. Hammerton informed me that my old comrade had shewn a great many youthful flights at the university, from which he determined soon to recall him. I spoke with abundance of affection of him, and endeavoured to persuade his father, that these fallies were more owing to the vivacity of his temper than to any bad propensities, and that I did not doubt but reason would resume her reins over his mind and actions, and he become a good and useful member of society and a blessing to his parents. These assurances were mightily agreeable to him and his lady, and having now seen all my old friends, we took a tender farewell of this hospitable family, and returned, pleased with our nine or ten days tour, to Brome-hall, where we had been impatiently expected. The duke and the ladies were mightily

mighty affected with our relation of the death of Mr. Gauden, and that nobleman rebuked me in a good-natured strain, for not before having made him acquainted that he had such a treasure of honesty and sincerity in his neighbourhood.

AND now, when we had disengaged ourselves from the first civilities of our arrival, and lord William and his brother and myself were alone, for the marquis began greatly to relish our society, I was willing to make a return for the kindness intended my friend Gauden, and addressing the latter, said, " My lord, I hope you will pardon me for reminding you, as his grace has not disposed of this living, of a clergyman to whom we have all three great obligations, and that your honour is concerned, as well as your brother's, to make some provision for ; I mean the

“ the curate of Holy Island.” “ By my soul,” the marquis replied, “ I had quite forgot him, and thank you, sir, for putting it into my power to serve so worthy a man.” And, so saying, without permitting any further speech, he took us both under the arm, and led us away to the duke.

WE went with him with abundance of satisfaction, and not finding the duke in his apartment, went into his closet, the marquis telling him that we were three petitioners for a favour, that, when he was acquainted with, he was sure would be granted without hesitation. “ Why, indeed,” answered the excellent peer, “ it must be something strangely unreasonable that I can deny to either of you singly ; and thus joined, I fancy, my lord, if I could, I should even prevent your

“ your request.” We bowed, and then he informed him of our desire, to which he smilingly returned—“ Why, at this rate, “ if you make such a wise choice, I be- “ lieve I may delegate you, gentlemen, to “ dispose of all the livings in my gift— “ Your request is readily granted, and you “ have nothing to do but to send for him “ to me.” “ If your grace pleases,” the marquis replied, “ we will take a ride over “ and feteh him.” “ Do as you will,” the duke returned, “ you have so little “ time to spend in the country, that I shall “ restrain you in none of your pleasures.”

We needed no more, and soon after set out for Holy Island, where we arrived in the morning of the next day, for we took all the diversion we could during our journey, calling on all our friends and acquaintance, and joining in two or three

hunting matches as we went along. We immediately repaired to the good clergyman's house, whom we found in his study, and who was transported at the sight of us; but when the marquis acquainted him with his good fortune, the edifying decency and composure with which he received the news, was such as I have never observed before, and, it being in the beginning of the week, he accompanied us to the duke's without the least hesitation. There he soon won their graces good opinion, and that of the marchioness and her daughter, as much as he had before done ours. He only begged one favour; which was, that as the living was but a few hours ride from Holy Island, he might be permitted to retain his curacy for some time, because he could not bear the thought of suddenly parting with a people, with whom he had

had lived in such friendship and harmony, and to whom he hoped he had been instrumental in procuring the most valuable benefits. The duke, again and again, thanked us for introducing so worthy a man to his notice, and took occasion to observe to the marquis, how much his present behaviour, and this instance of his gratitude, pleased him.

INDEED this young nobleman was surprisingly altered of late ; he sought little company but ours ; the fierceness of his temper began to be polished insensibly ; and he had, in great measure, left off the idle and jejune method of expressing himself that he used to practise. He strove, on every occasion, to efface all memory of our old differences, and even to his own servants behaved no more with the haughtiness of a tyrant, but with the indulgent

goodness of a master. His brother and myself could account for this change no otherwise, than by the effect of example in the duke, and the rest of the family, and his, at length, becoming convinced of the beauty of virtue and good actions, by never having any thing else before his eyes, and hearing expressions of abhorrence to the contrary behaviour. In short, the marquis wanted neither sense nor discernment, and perceived, that notwithstanding his rank and fortune, he should fall into contempt with those whose esteem he most valued, if he did not reform; and this was the secret of his having forsaken Beagle, and some other companions, who had been the bane of his youth. For our parts, we opened not only our arms, but our hearts to receive the new convert, and sincerely rejoiced in his restoration to reason and to friendship.

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AND now the time was come when the family was to depart for London, which we were all prepared for, by having bid adieu to our neighbouring friends and acquaintance of both kingdoms. The duke had settled all his concerns, and given such orders to Kelly as he thought requisite, and I had, with tears in my eyes, bid adieu to that worthy old friend, who made me promise to write to him by every opportunity. The duke, dutchess, marchioness, and her lovely daughter, rode in the coach. The marquis, lord William, and myself, and eight servants, well mounted and armed, formed their escort. And in this manner we set out; the adventurers, though going to engage in arduous and untried scenes, yet animated with the prayers and wishes of every village and hamlet we passed through, for many miles from the family mansion.

## CHAPTER III.

*We view all the curiosities of the counties through which we pass—Visit the nobility and gentry—An unexpected meeting.*

HIS grace, during every day of our journey, made short stages, that we might see as much of the curiosities of England, and the nature and genius of our countrymen, as possible. Our equipage and servants generally quartered at the inns; but the duke and his family more frequently received invitations from such of the nobility as had seats upon the road. By this means he resumed his old friendships, and introduced us to the acquaintance of some of the most illustrious persons in the kingdom. Nothing could be more pleasant and agreeable

able than this manner of travelling, which the marquis, lord William and myself, as well as my fair one, relished in a superior degree, as the scenes we passed through were quite new to us, and every day afforded fresh matter for delight and astonishment.

WE met with so many kind and courteous detentions, that we were ten days before we entered the ancient city of York, which engrossed near a week of our attention. It was here that we met with the worthy Jenkins, the sight of whom gave me a pleasure, which could be equalled by nothing but what I should have felt at the sight of my father himself. He told us that he had searched all over England for the marquis, and was returning, without having succeeded in his commission, to Brome-hall; and consequently, but for this

fortunate meeting, should have ineffectually gone to Brome-hall, and had all the way to measure back again.

DURING all this time he never once asked after my father and mother, by which, to my great joy, I conjectured he knew of their intended departure, though he was not present at it, and through prudence forbore any eclaircissement in relation to it, till we should be able to converse in private; but he kept his eyes constantly upon me, with such a visible tenderness, as convinced me his heart was quite rejoiced with meeting me. We did not long stay here, but immediately set out for the gentleman's where his grace and the ladies quartered, and willing to surprize him, we let him know nothing of the marchioness, or her adventures, but introduced him at once into the apartment, where they were all seated,

seated, telling them that we were able, through good fortune, to give them the pleasing sight of a man they loved, and who was going in quest of them as far as Broome-hall. Though Jenkins, from the great respect that impressed him before the duke and dutchess, modestly bent his eyes towards them alone, yet he soon got a side view of the well known face of the marchioness, and lifting up his hands, with an action of the most profound wonder, and falling back several steps, he stood motionless as a statue, whilst the blood alternately flushed and deserted his cheeks, and his mouth three or four times opened, but he found himself unable to speak. At length however, he came to himself, and advancing to the marchioness, cried, “ Oh ! my  
“ much loved, excellent lady !—excuse the  
“ disorder in which I appear, and permit

“ me to congratulate your arrival amongst  
“ your noble friends, though all this fur-  
“ passes my understanding, and fills me  
“ with pleasing wonder. Oh! madam,  
“ this is sure my young lady; but am I  
“ also so happy as to hear tidings of my  
“ lord, whom in vain I have sought after  
“ so many tedious months?”

WHEN we were all withdrawn to our se-  
veral apartments, Jenkins now being alone  
with me, he once more pressed me in his  
arms, and told me, he feared I accused him  
of ingratitude for not having enquired after  
his much beloved master and mistress;  
“ But, sir,” continued he, “ I knew, be-  
“ fore my last coming to Brome-hall, of  
“ their intended departure, and had taken  
“ a sad farewell of them. I do not doubt  
“ however,” added he, “ of its being a  
“ happy separation, as it is calculated to  
“ answer

“ answer many good purposes, and will  
“ restore them, in time, to us with fullness  
“ of happiness. How cruel it is upon me,  
“ that I am, at present, under an injunc-  
“ tion from your honoured father not to  
“ inform you of the motives of his retreat.  
“ But those injunctions are dictated from  
“ wise considerations of your peace and  
“ happiness; and from your regard to the  
“ excellent man that laid me under them,  
“ I know you will not desire to pervade the  
“ secret. Meantime how happy am I, sir,  
“ in contemplating all that I hear of your  
“ virtues from this noble family, of your  
“ generosity to the marchioness and her  
“ daughter. Oh, sir, look upon me still  
“ as your servant—Whatever you com-  
“ mand I will execute, and all the little  
“ fortune I have acquired, chiefly under  
“ your dear parents, shall every moment

“ be at your service.” This speech was conceived in terms that admitted of no further interrogation, and clasping him to my bosom, I protested ever to be ruled by his advice in all my affairs, shewed him my dear father’s letter, at which he was much affected, and made him my confidant in my love for the amiable Harriet; in which he encouraged me to persevere, and promised as the duke had graciously condescended to invite him to become a member of his family, to keep me in her memory, by every art, during my future absence.

CHAPTER IV.

*Arrive in London—We are presented to his majesty—Meet with an adventure at the play-house—Consequences of it—Overcame my antagonist.*

THE next day we reached London, and repaired to the magnificent house which the duke had ordered to be taken and furnished for his family. Whilst he was employed in taking possession of his new post, and attending his majesty, the dutchess perfectly settled her household, and allotted us all our several apartments and attendants; and Jenkins, not willing to live idle, had the post of major domo conferred upon him.

SOME days afterwards the principal nobility and gentry came to pay their compliments.

pliments to the illustrious family, and we were also forced to undergo the fatigue of returning their visits ; by which we soon acquired acquaintance for every hour in the day. Many of the officers of the regiment to which we were appointed came also to pay their respects to their new brethren ; so that we now found the scene quite changed from rural peace and happiness, to hurry, noise, and tumult, which my friend and I very little relished. The young marchioness was soon the toast of the gay part of the nobility, which gave me great disturbance ; and as to the marquis, he had so many connections, that we seldom saw him above once in a day. A little time, however, reconciled us to this way of life, and we began to appear like other folks, without the embarrassment that might be expected to have proceeded

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from our rustication during the former part of our lives.

A FORTNIGHT after our coming to town, his grace, having before introduced his dutchess, the marchioness, and her daughter to court, commanded the marquis, lord William, and myself to attend him there, in order to be presented to his majesty. That gracious prince received us with the complacency for which he is so much admired, and said some very kind things to the duke in praise of our mien and appearance. We afterwards were presented to the other branches of the royal family, who gave us a most gracious reception; and the princess of Wales told his grace that she never saw three more complete young gentlemen together.

FOR some time after this, we employed ourselves in conducting the ladies to the

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ight of every thing curious in the metropolis, and in frequenting the polite places of entertainment, where the young marchioness did not fail of captivating all hearts, and her conductors met with their share of encomium. Lord William and myself visited the coffee-houses daily, and our curiosity led us into the most obscure corners of the town, where there was any thing likely to gratify it; by which we not only became conversant with the gaieties and splendors, but with the miseries and wretchedness of this immense number of people. All which afforded us matter for reflection, and produced in us, lamentations after the innocence we had quitted, and a sincere abhorrence of that licentiousness of manners that reigned even in what was called the polite world. My fair one being extremely fond of theatrical

trical exhibitions, we seldom missed an opportunity for sometime, when any productions that had a tendency to mend the heart, or communicate instruction, were represented.

ONE of these nights, lord William being indisposed, I waited upon my charmer alone, to see the Conscious Lovers, and in the middle of the second act, a couple of young rakes intruded into our box, and the ribaldry that they had the insolence to utter, made it necessary for me to rebuke them, in a polite, though severe manner. I was answered in very coarse terms by a youth of pretty near my own age, whom his companion, at every sentence, let me know had the title of lord. I was determined neither to suffer this with tameness, nor yet to frighten my charge, who already began to pale her cheek, at the apprehension

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sion of the consequences. So opening the door, I called to the box-keeper to show these roisterers into the street, which he declining, I suppose awed by their quality, I fairly turned the most refractory of them out by neck and heels, and his companion beginning to be obstreperous, served him the same sauce, and then securing the door, returned very calmly to my place to compose my fair one, who by this time, with the rest of the house, was much alarmed with the disturbance. Before the play was concluded, these fine gentlemen had got, I observed, with two or three companions into the pit, where they used several menacing actions, of which I took no manner of notice. But when the performance was concluded, and we were preparing to depart, I perceived we were way-laid, and found myself rudely jostled by one of them,

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and several others waiting the resolution of their companions to fall upon me. At this I drew my sword, and in that posture made my way with the lady in the other hand to the chariot, into which having put her, almost ready to faint, I was attacked, before I had even time to turn round, by three of these heroes, uttering dreadful imprecations of making me the sacrifice of their resentment. But I set my back against the wall, and defended myself from their random thrusts so well, that they grew very sick, I found, of the attempt, one of them being wounded in a minute. Just at that time I heard a voice amongst the croud that surrounded us, crying out, " Make way, gentlemen—What scandalous odds!"—and soon after perceived the marquis, who drawing, fell upon my assailants; and with his assistance we soon finished the business,

finesse, and set them to scamper for their lives.

THE tumult was by this time so great, that we were glad to get to our carriage, where the young marchioness, all wild with grief and apprehension, was waiting the event. Our footman had been dispatched home by us soon after we entered the house, and as to the coachman, he was fearful of leaving his horses and his charge, otherwise, being a stout fellow, might have been of some service. She was rejoiced to see me unhurt, and her tender solicitude gave me a transport that far overpaid all my danger. I embraced the marquis, and gratefully returned him thanks for his goodness, and my fair one praised his generosity to the skies. He answered —  
“ Why, my dear friend—it was lucky I  
“ came by, for the unfeeling miscreants  
“ about

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“ about you would have seen you murdered, without attempting your relief—  
“ I was coming from the other house, and  
“ made my chair stop at the noise—but  
“ when I saw who it was, my affection  
“ doubled my resentment, and thank God  
“ it happened so opportunely—Let us always stand by one another, and take my  
“ word, William, and you, and I, shall  
“ be a match for any thirty of these wishy-washy, London sparks.” I could not help smiling at the marquis’s speech, but was transported at seeing he still retained those principles he had lately imbibed, and that he was so much my friend.

WE all went home together, where we soon made our superiors acquainted with our adventure, and the duke was quite charmed at this action of his son. Lord William protested I should never go without

out him again ; a resolution which, though so kind an one, gave me chagrin, as it deprived me of many moments that had otherwise been consecrated to love, in whose secrets even the dearest persons are intruders.

THE affair did not, however, end so quietly, for the next morning a servant in livery, having asked for me, delivered me the following billet.

“ *To CAPTAIN MAITLAND.*

“ *SIR,*

“ I AM sorry that the folly of my friends  
“ should have engaged you in so unequal  
“ a combat last night. I assure you I was  
“ not present, but desire to see you this  
“ day at six, behind Montague house,  
“ there to shew you that I am a man of  
“ honour, and scorn any base advantages.  
“ I shall bring no person with me.

“ *Your humble servant, \_\_\_\_\_.*

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I IMMEDIATELY told the bearer that I would obey the direction. But some moments afterwards I repented of it, not knowing any law, divine or human, nothing but a wild, overbearing custom, that should engage me to risque my own life, or take away another person's, upon such trivial occasions. However, an imaginary sense of reputation kept me steady, and I stole privately out, without acquainting my friend, and came to the spot, where I saw the young nobleman, whose person was very agreeable, and whose mien had in it somewhat that bespoke his condition. I found it was the same that I had turned out of my box, who advancing towards me, very complaisantly hoped that I was convinced he was not one of the persons who attacked me.

"No,"

“ No, my lord,” I replied, “ and I be-  
“ lieve you incapable of such an action ;  
“ nor can I account for a nobleman of  
“ your rank and character’s behaving rudely  
“ in the company of a lady, whose very  
“ look was capable to put ribaldry to  
“ silence. Look you, my lord,” I con-  
tinued, “ it is not through fear, or ap-  
prehension of your superior skill, that I  
“ talk in this manner ; but rather than  
“ tempt the uncertain issue of a duel, be-  
“ persuaded like a man of honour and true  
“ nobility, to confess you were guilty of  
“ a fault ; let me introduce you to make  
“ an honourable atonement to the lady,  
“ and permit me to share your friendship.”

THE young gentleman paused sometime upon these words, reason struggling to get the better of that false shame that waits upon the world’s opinion. But at length

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he returned—“ Captain, you behave much like a gentleman, but I must not accept your terms ; nor will I have further parley, for I am sensible your reasons are stronger than mine.” So saying, he pulled off his coat, and drew his sword, which very unwillingly forced me to do the same. At the third or fourth pass I found the weakness of my antagonist, and pitying such youthful bravery, though false, should be too severely punished, I parried his thrusts, and only kept upon the defensive. But this served merely to irritate him, and crying out—“ This is boy’s play, sure !”—he made so fair a lounge, that my utmost dexterity scarcely saved me from being run through the body. I perceived now he was too far gone in passion to be dallied with, but yet avoided to give him many mortal thrusts, for which his un-

skilfulness made a fair opening. At length I luckily ran him through the wrist of his sword arm, which soon obliged the wounded sinews to slacken their hold, and he let his weapon fall upon the grass.

I FLUNG away my sword, and immediately coming up to him, said, “ Come, sir, you “ have satisfied the call of honour, and “ now let animosity cease”—At the same instant I pulled out my handkerchief, and, after some resistance obliged him to let me bind round his wound with it, then having helped him on with his coat, and returned both our blades into the scabbards, I told him I was resolved to wait upon him to a surgeon. He looked wistfully at me upon this proposal, but spoke not one word; which I ascribed to the mortification his pride had endured. But it was quite otherwise—it was nothing but good sense and  
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gratitude endeavouring to gain a conquest over folly and passion. In short, before we got to the end of the field, into which many spectators had now been drawn, he turned about, and eagerly, notwithstanding his pain, which began to be pretty severe, catching me round the waist, cried out, " My noble, my worthy antagonist! —How like a wretch have I behaved! —how does your conduct reproach me!" I returned his embrace with satisfaction, pleased to the last degree to observe this alteration, and waved any other answer, for now many rude enquiries began to be made on every side, as to " who are they? what is the matter?"

As good fortune would have it, a coach stood at the crossing of Tottenham-court road, which we immediately got into, and I ordered to drive to the nearest surgeon's,

who dressed the wound, but pronounced his hand in danger of amputation. We took him into the coach with us to his lordship's father's, where I left them, for his torture was too great to admit of conversation, only at my departure he begged me to come again to see him as soon as possible.

THUS I got rid of this affair, without becoming a murderer, and was the more pleased that it had not that shocking issue, as I really was much taken with the viscount's person and behaviour, and imagined his excesses were owing, rather to bad company and too much indulgence (for he was the only son of a noble earl) than from any natural depravity.

CHAPTER V.

*Encomiums bestowed on my behaviour—Discourse between me and the young marchioness—Lord William insulted—I am known to one of our antagonists—Surprise at our meeting—We present him to the duke.*

I SAID not one word of this encounter when I came home to any body but my friend, who chid me, and at the same time applauded my behaviour; but indeed these were matters, young as I was, that did not at all feed my vanity. The next day, towards evening, I took an opportunity to call at my antagonist's, whom, to my agreeable astonishment I found easy in comparison to what he was the night before, and, with his arm in a sling, walking about the gar-

den. We paid our respects to each other, and I told him I thought he was wrong to expose himself to the cold so soon. "Dear sir," he replied, "that bungler that dressed my wound either was an ignoramus, or wanted to make a penny of my cure; for we have since had Mr. —, the king's surgeon, who, so far from thinking it dangerous, makes very slight of it. But I forget, sir, I have promised my father and mother the happiness of seeing the gentleman to whom they owe their son—You see, I am not ashamed of my defeat, or the change you have wrought in my mind."

He then led me through several noble apartments into an inner room, where sat the earl and countess, and a daughter, fair as Hebe; when my conductor said, "My lord, this is captain Maitland, the duke of

“ of ——’s relation, of whom I told  
“ you yesterday.” At these words they  
both, in the most polite terms, expressed  
their acknowledgments to me, and after we  
were seated, the old nobleman addressed  
me in the following terms. “ I think my-  
“ self happy, sir, in enjoying the honour  
“ of this visit—You have obliged me be-  
“ yond measure in your noble behaviour  
“ to my son; but from so amiable a form,  
“ and such a delicacy of mind, nothing  
“ less could be expected. Let me make  
“ one request to you, sir, that I hope you  
“ will not deny me. I honour your uncle,  
“ (this was the character the duke was  
“ fond of ascribing to himself) and be-  
“ seech you frequently to let us have the  
“ pleasure of your company, to receive  
“ that youth into the number of your  
“ friends, and to finish the conquest you

“ have gained, by making him a thorough  
“ convert to your manners and example !”  
“ My lord,” I replied, “ if my behavi-  
“ our merit these encomiums, I must as-  
“ crie it to the influence of the worthy  
“ nobleman you mention ; in his family I  
“ have learned all that renders me agree-  
“ able or praise-worthy in your eyes, and  
“ your approbation of my manners and  
“ sentiments fully rewards me for the ef-  
“ fects you attribute to them. I embrace  
“ the honour of your acquaintance and  
“ patronage, and the friendship of your  
“ noble son ; whom I could not help ad-  
“ miring and loving at the very minute my  
“ unfortunate hand wounded him.” Upon  
this my new friend came forward and em-  
braced me with an affectionate air, and I  
spent several hours afterwards, in this  
agreeable society.

OUR

OUR family were all together when I returned, and received me with new and extraordinary tokens of friendship. My story had spread through the town, and no one was a stranger to what had passed between the viscount and me. The duke and the marquis were never tired of applauding me, and when I related the circumstances of my visit, his grace expressed his sense of the honour the earl had done me, as one conferred upon himself, giving that worthy nobleman an excellent character, and recommending the friendship of his son to us all. The ladies caressed me with tenderness, and lord William, when we retired, told me pleasantly he was even envious of this shining action. "But, my lord," I returned, "perhaps this affair may interest you more than you are aware of. I have seen a young lady, whose every look

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“ tells me she has a soul formed to enter-  
“ tain so noble a guest as yourself—Pray,  
“ my lord, accompany me to-morrow in a  
“ visit to this family.” “ So, so, my friend,”  
he merrily replied, “ because you are  
“ caught in the toils of love, you are wil-  
“ ling also to make a captive of me. But  
“ to shew you that I defy your silly god,  
“ I will with pleasure accompany you to-  
“ morrow.”

THE minute I saw this young lady, I con-  
ceived the design of making a conquest of  
my friend. Except the young marchioness,  
(and lovers exceptions are extreme partial)  
methought I never beheld so perfect a form,  
or eyes so replete with sentiment and fire,  
as this lady Charlotte's. The two families  
hitherto had known one another only by  
report, so that lord William and she were  
perfect strangers.

AFTER

AFTER dinner the next day, my friend and I drove away to the earl's house, who, with my new friend, expressed a pleasing surprize at the suddenness of my second visit. But I soon unravelled the mystery, by introducing lord William with the following apology,—“ My lord, I thought myself under an obligation to repay your good opinion of me, by introducing to your knowledge lord William —— the original from whence I have copied every perfection you have praised in me, and to recommend him to a place in your esteem, and the friendship of your amiable son—and may I thus be an instrument in producing an intercourse between two of the most noble and illustrious families in the kingdom!” The earl, the countess, their son, and daughter, seemed transported at what I said, and lord William,

liam, in that amiable engaging way so natural to him, returned their compliments so as immediately to prejudice them in his favour. With rapture inexpressible I perceived the eyes of my friend and the young lady met each other with a silent approbation, and after enjoying several hours the company of this amiable family, we took our leave, with repeated promises exacted from us, of frequently visiting them.

My friend for some minutes after we came away was silent, but at length broke out into the following exclamations : “ Was “ ever such bewitching beauty ! What a “ shape ! What a face ! What an air ! “ Why, my friend, you have, perhaps, “ made me unhappy for ever ! How can “ I ever deserve such a treasure ! ”—The mingled solemnity and rapture, with which this was spoke, quite discomposed my seriousness,

riousness, and I replied, laughing—" Well,  
" my lord—but what is this to you—you  
" who defy love, and all his influence."  
" Ah ! Mr. Maitland," he replied, " I  
" fear all my vaunts of liberty are at an  
" end—I am indeed become quite another  
" creature." In short, I found he had  
sucked in the poison, and I rejoiced at the  
success of my visit, beginning already to  
love him more for being in the same class  
with myself.

THE next day the earl, the countess, and  
her daughter paid the duke and dutchess a  
visit, and the two families soon became in-  
separable. The young nobleman was ever  
at our house, or we at theirs, and the young  
ladies conceived the warmest affection for  
each other. Many months, however, passed  
before my timid friend ventured to declare  
his passion. In one of these visits, my fair  
one

one and I being left some minutes by ourselves, she severely checked that readiness with which I had engaged in the late duel, and told me though I made every body else happy, yet I had made her extremely miserable. “ For how can I have any peace of mind, whilst I see you so readily enter into dangers that threaten your life. “ What may I not expect when the ocean deprives me, with its awful distance, of the immediate influence you tell me I have over you ? Alas ! my presaging fears make me perpetually uneasy ! ” “ Oh ! my angel, my lovely fair,” I replied, “ why will you thus accuse me ? If the punctilio of honour called me to this private encounter, I managed it so as to give you no cause of complaint. “ No, thou idol of my soul, private broils are my aversion, and I hate the custom with

“ with which I have been obliged to com-  
“ ply. But when this drear absence ar-  
“ rives, when I shall be distant from all  
“ I hold dear, still the idea of thy charm-  
“ ing form will with-hold the hand of rash-  
“ ness, and thy dear commands will whis-  
“ per in my ears, and force me to obedi-  
“ ence ! Unless my king, my country, or  
“ my friend arm my hand in their defence,  
“ I will never tempt the least danger !”  
My Harriet seemed somewhat pacified with  
these assurances, which I gave her with an  
heart swelling with the tenderest gratitude  
for her kind and fond expressions,

NOTHING could render our situation more  
happy than it was at present, and lord Wil-  
liam and myself, equally favoured by love,  
passed our moments, perpetually blessed in  
the presence of our fair ones, being by a  
particular exemption excused the drudgery  
of

of recruiting. The marquis still continued to act with great generosity and friendship, and was as fond of our new friend the viscount as we were, and indeed we discovered daily new traces of goodness in this noble youth. Thus the winter passed away, and gave place to the blooming graces of spring, which carried us to a seat some miles distant from London, which the duke had bought, and which was divided from the earl's only by about half a mile. From this rural recess we very seldom visited London, unless to attend his grace, whose post called him every day to court, and who was fond of frequently having us to town with him.

ONE evening pretty late, as my friend and I were returning to our town house, from a visit to a worthy merchant in the city, and were walking arm in arm along Cheapside, a set of young fellows, to the

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number of six, who appeared in the habit of gentlemen, very rudely jostled by us, and not content with this, of which we took no notice, returned again, and struck lord William behind, on the head, with a naked sword, at the same time halloing out, that it was only to dub him a knight in fun. We were not unacquainted with the manners of the rakes of the town ; but were unwilling however to be struck, though the blow was not a very severe one, and turning upon them with spirit, the swords of three of them were out in an instant, and pointed at our bosoms. A croud began to gather, and I, putting by two of their swords, fairly kicked up one of the heroes heels, and knocked another down with a blow of my fist ; so much difference was there between the strength of a hardy Northumbrian, and the London sparks. By this time my friend had

had three upon him, who hardly beset him, though no swordsmen; because he kept only on the defensive, not caring to do them any mischief. Meanwhile the sixth man, whom it remained with me to cope with, was advancing sword in hand. But, all on a sudden having a glimpse of me, by the light of the watchmen's lanthorns, who now surrounded us, and endeavoured to part the fray,—he exclaimed in the utmost astonishment,—“ Damn it, what am I “ doing ! it is Maitland !” and dropping the point of his sword, stood in the posture of a statue. Strange as such an appearance seemed to me, I was not long before I knew the face of my identical old comrade, Harry Hammerton, who was plunged into so much confusion, that he could not utter a word. “ Is it possible,” I cried!—“ Is “ it possible!—that you should be in such

“ com-

“ company as to make me sorry to see  
“ you?”

LORD WILLIAM now joined me, having had his assailants secured by the watch, and a tavern being open hard by, we all together with the midnight guard, and their five prisoners, went into a room, till Mr. Constable, with great solemnity, came to judge in the difference between us. I enquired of my friend, if he was hurt, and he assuring me he was not, I called him aside, and informed him that one of the band, was the son of our worthy friend squire Hammerton, and we agreed not to prosecute them on his account Harry, who was very gaily dressed; with all his assurance could not hold up his head, and the rest seemed to be somewhat confounded. But to relieve them a little, lord William told the constable his quality, and making him a hand-

handsome present, and giving something to the watchmen to drink, they left their prisoners in our custody.

UPON this, willing to raise Harry's spirits, I advanced towards him, and flinging my arms about him, told him this behaviour of his and his comrades, should not hinder me from welcoming him to town. This action and speech, brought him in some measure to himself, he expressed great sorrow for what had happened, and heartily asked us pardon. Seeing him in thisowardly disposition, I presented him to lord William, and now the morning beginning to dawn, we took leave of him and his company, after we had invited him to breakfast with us the next day. I retired home, full of conjecture upon the meaning of Harry's elopement from the university, where I imagined his father still thought him.

him pursuing his studies, and lord William expressed an approbation of his person, and the openness and frankness of his deportment.

THE next morning Harry very punctually kept his appointment, and came genteelly dressed to the duke's, and was really grown a very handsome personable young fellow. After breakfast, I took the liberty to enquire what was his business in London, and drew from him the following frank confession. " My father, you know, " sir, destined me to the study of physic, " which I pursued, with some application, " for the first three years of my stay at the " university. But afterwards taking a dislike to it, I muddied my brains, in hearing lectures in the civil law, the jargon " of which pleased me for some time, and " I was so much approved, that, at our " next

“ next commencement, I took the degree  
“ of batchelor of laws. Now however my  
“ temper, which you know is somewhat  
“ volatile, shifted to the softer pursuits of  
“ poetry and music, and nothing filled my  
“ mind, but dreams of Pindus, and cho-  
“ russes of the Aonian maids. Unhappily  
“ this turn of my disposition was attended  
“ with an amorous engagement or two, by  
“ my attachment to which I transgressed  
“ the rules of the college, and was repri-  
“ manded; which enraged the little wit I  
“ was master of, with resentment against  
“ our principal. On whom having writ-  
“ ten some sarcastical lines, I was finally,  
“ and formally expelled the university,  
“ about five months since. I had money  
“ enough at the time, and immediately  
“ repaired to London, where I fell into the  
“ company of some gentry as wild as my-  
“ self,

“ self, with whom I have assiduously fol-  
“ lowed the pleasures, as they are called,  
“ of this town, till the happy, unfortunate  
“ moment of our meeting; the manner of  
“ which I shall ever regret. Now, sir, for  
“ the light side of my picture,—I cannot  
“ charge myself with any base action hi-  
“ therto, and have, for some time, been so  
“ sick of my company, that I was deter-  
“ mined to shake it off, and accordingly  
“ have written to my father, acknowledg-  
“ ing my offences, and praying him to use  
“ his interest, to procure me a commission  
“ in some of the new regiments; a military  
“ life being my present choice; and I ex-  
“ pect him soon to town on the occasion.  
“ How I shall meet his face after these ex-  
“ travagancies, I know not, unless you  
“ and my lord will become my intercessors,  
“ with him, for pardon. I am ashamed  
“ of

“ of having acted so sillily, but hope my  
“ future conduct will make him amends,  
“ and prove me worthy of a return of your  
“ friendship, which will make me the hap-  
“ piest man living.”

THIS account was given with so agreeable a vein of humour, that it made us all smile, and indeed, his openness, and sincerity, had such an effect upon my friend, that he took him by the hand and promised him a place in his esteem; and assured him, that he hoped, he should be able to assist his father, in providing for him in the army. He thanked his lordship for this generous offer, and behaved so discreetly upon it, that all our prejudices were soon effaced, and we presented him to his grace, and the ladies, who invited him to their country retreat, till he came to town. Harry had not heard before of the death of

Mr.

Mr. Gauden, at which he shewed a very decent concern, and when he was informed of our being in the army, and the likelihood, if he procured a commission, of his going on the same expedition, his joy was without bounds, and he was the more confirmed in his military scheme.

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## CHAPTER VL

*Squire Hammerton arrives in London—His visit to the duke, and joyful surprize—His son obtains a commission in our regiment—His gratitude—The marquis sets out for the university.*

**I**N about ten days after our encountering my old friend Harry, we were informed, one afternoon, that a gentleman from the country begged to be introduced to his grace. We immediately suspected it was Mr. Hammerton, and to give him a more agreeable surprize, his son, who was present, stepped into an adjoining room, and as he sometime before had left his former lodging, without leaving a direction where he was to be found, we did not doubt but his

his poor father was in a prodigious concern about him. Lord William, and myself, flew into the hall, and met him with repeated embraces, welcoming him to town, wondering to see him, and asking him what fortunate wind, for us, had drove him hither? He shewed great pleasure at the sight of us; but wore at the same time a concern in his face, that plainly discovered the uneasiness of his mind.

WE did not allow him to explain himself, but introduced him to his grace, who received him with his usual goodness, and when he was seated, asked the occasion of his journey. "Oh! my lord duke," he replied,—"I have an ungracious boy, who has left the university without my knowledge, and has sent me word he is in London; I fear in no very good company.—He informed me he had an in-

“clination for the army, and I, unwilling  
“he should be quite lost, am come this  
“tedious journey, to use my little interest  
“to provide for him, according to his  
“rambling inclination; but now I am ar-  
“rived, I cannot obtain the least tidings  
“of him, and I fear he is absolutely  
“ruined.” At this conclusion, the start-  
ing tear trickled down his cheek; but re-  
suming himself, he begged pardon for  
troubling us with his grief, and asked, with  
great respect, after the health of the ladies,  
who were at our country house.

We were all much affected with his sor-  
row, and began to repent our stratagem,  
and the duke kindly taking him by the  
hand, said, “Come Mr. Hammerton be  
“composed; these lads love to play pranks  
“with us old men; but to release you  
“from your apprehensions, I can inform  
“you

“ you that your son, bating his former  
“ youthful foibles, is such as you would  
“ wish him, and in company that he need  
“ not be ashamed of.” Then beckoning  
to us, we flung open the door, and Harry  
in an instant threw himself on his knees be-  
fore his father. What language can paint  
the emotions of a tender parent, on such  
an unexpected interview! His joy was ex-  
treme, and the marks of affection and re-  
spect he received from his son delighted  
him beyond measure. “ Ah! my son,”  
cried he,—“ ah! Mr. Maitland! You have  
“ surprised me indeed, into too great, too  
“ oppressive a weight of happiness.—To  
“ find thee thus,—in such illustrious com-  
“ pany,—makes amends for all the slips  
“ of thy youth, and I will do every thing  
“ for thee that thou canst desire, or my for-  
“ tune afford.” Then turning to his grace

he expressed his acknowledgments, for the honour conferred upon him by receiving his son under his roof. Harry then informed him of our rescuing him from his follies, and the kindness we had shown him; his father thanked us for it in the most respectful terms, adding, “I see the hand of “ Providence is in it,—you are ordained “ to follow the fortunes of captain Mait- “ land, with whom you had the honour to “ be bred!” We then fell into a discourse of all our friends in the country, and Mr. Hammerton delivered to the duke a packet, which he had received from Mr. Kelly, and whilst he was perusing the letters, informed us, that his lady, Mr. Sprat and his family, and all our friends were in health.

His grace soon after joined us, and proposed to carry Mr. Hammerton down with him that very day, to see the ladies, in which

which we all agreed to accompany him. They were quite pleased to see their country neighbour, and vied with each other in his entertainment, particularly my Harriet, who distinguished every one with whom I had had any former connection.

THE next day we paid a visit to the earl's family, and knowing the duke had a great many petitioners, and willing to surprise my friend Hammerton with an unexpected favour; in the evening, when the young viscount, the marquis, lord William, and myself, were together, I told the former the occasion of the old gentleman's journey, and besought him to interest his father, in the procuring a lieutenancy for Harry. "Well, " captain," he replied, " this is obliging me highly,—be assured I will use all my endeavours to serve a man, to whom I owe my life,—I will immediately request

“ his lordship to write in behalf of your  
“ friend, to the secretary at war, who I  
“ know has too great a regard for my fa-  
“ ther, to refuse him such a favour.” So  
saying, he left us, to execute this commis-  
sion, and the marquis, and lord William,  
were quite pleased, with what I had done,  
agreeing with me, to surprise all the family  
with the grant, when it arrived. Upon  
second thoughts, however, we thought pro-  
per to acquaint his grace, who was not at  
all displeased with it, saying, “ It was kind  
“ to save him the trouble of solicitation  
“ for this favour, when he had so many  
“ clients to oblige, who had no other  
“ friend.”

IN two days time, the viscount informed  
me that his father had succeeded, and soon  
after a message came from him, to desire my  
company, and lord William’s, to dinner.

After

After the cloth was removed, he addressed himself to me in the following terms.

“ Well, sir, I have obtained a commission  
“ for your friend, and I beg you would  
“ consider it as a token of gratitude, from  
“ a father you have made happy. Here  
“ it is,—present it to him in what manner  
“ you think proper.” I replied, “ My  
“ lord, I shall never be able to repay what  
“ I owe to you, and my lord your son, but  
“ I will endeavour every moment of my  
“ future life, to deserve your favours, and  
“ I hope my friend will prove worthy of  
“ the honour you have conferred upon  
“ him. You know, my lord, his grace  
“ expects the honour of your company to  
“ supper to night, and as I intend to sur-  
“ prise Mr. Hammerton and his son, into  
“ their good fortune, I will deposit the  
“ commission in these beautiful hands,”

giving it to lady Charlotte, “ till I give  
“ her the signal to deliver it. He shall  
“ have the additional satisfaction of receiv-  
“ ing this honour, from the most beauti-  
“ ful lady in the kingdom.” This was as-  
sented to, which I did to please lord Wil-  
liam, who when we came away acknow-  
ledged the favour, and said I was grown  
the politest man in the kingdom.

AFTER supper was over, the dutches, who was let into the secret, asked Mr. Hammerton if he had made any progres, in providing for his son. He answered, that having been loth to trouble his grace, he had been with the members for the county ; but could not tell, yet, if he should succeed that way, or be forced to purchase a commission for him. “ Oh !” she replied, “ that must not be, perhaps some kind  
“ angel may save you that expence. I  
“ was

“ was always of opinion, that these heavenly intelligences, often interfere in the behalf of virtue and goodness, —Come, have a good heart.” “ Madam,” he replied, “ your words are very encouraging, but I fear no such good fortune awaits me,—and my friends are very few.” “ Perhaps you may have more friends than you are aware of,—lady Charlotte, here can tell fortunes,—what do you say, madam, will you tell Mr. Hammerton if he shall succeed?” “ Yes, madam,” that lady replied,—“ let me see your hand Mr. Hammerton,”—which he with great humour presented to her on his knees:—she surveyed it with much attention, and in so droll a manner, as made us all laugh, and at last cried out,—“ Why here are some favourable lines,—but I must examine your son’s hand too,—I

“ have great skill in palmistry.” Harry, to carry on the joke, as he thought it, followed his father’s example, and opening his hand,—she continued,—“ Why now I see you will be a happy man, and though I should have the perquisite myself,—yet, as I am not mercenary, I will cross your hand, with somewhat, for the trouble you have taken.” Upon this, she slipped the commission out of her pocket, and clapped it into his hand, which the earl, laughing heartily, snatched away, and said, —“ Why sure this daughter of mine can conjure,—what is here! *To our trusty and well beloved Henry Hammerton, gent!*—“ with G. R. on the top!—well, well, if this be the case, your labour is at an end.”

THE father and son now looked at each other with a mixture of curiosity and wonder,

till

till the earl gave the former the commission, saying, he would warrant it a good one, though it came by such unintelligible conveyance. Mr. Hammerton looked it over and over, and then broke out into so many acknowledgments, to the young lady, the earl and the company, that his grace was willing to put a period to them, by saying, "I suppose young Mr. Hammerton will not like his commission the worse, for his being appointed I see to the same regiment with lord William and Mr. Maitland, to the latter of whom, and his interest in this noble lord, I believe he is obliged for it." At this speech their gratitude broke out afresh, and, after we separated, my old friend and his son, following me and lord William, in a grateful speech, dwelt upon our goodness; one saying I was the true copy of my excellent father,

ther, and the other protesting he would obey my commands, and those of my friend, in whatever part of the world we were ordered to, as obsequiously as if he was our slave. Words cannot describe the joy I felt at thus having obliged them, and lord William observed with satisfaction, that he should now have another companion, whom he much esteemed, in his future travels.

THE squire thus having ended successfully his business in London, soon departed, loaded with presents and letters for our friends in the North. Harry could not accompany him to see his mother, for we now expected every moment to be ordered to our posts, as the forces were drawing together, and marching to encamp in the isle of Wight.

THE marquis also was now constrained to bid us adieu, and set out for the university of

of Cambridge, where tutors were provided for him. He was furnished with all things necessary for his rank, in profusion, and took leave of us with mutual embraces, and tears standing in his eyes ; laying an injunction upon his brother and me, to write to him by every opportunity of conveyance : And, before his departure, he would force me to accept a very rich fowling piece, mounted with gold, and a pair of superb pistols, as a token of his remembrance. We were equally affected on our part with this separation, for he had long endeared himself to us, by the change that had taken place in his manners and behaviour.

## CHAPTER VII.

*We are presented to the commander in chief—*

*Ordered to join the regiment—Take leave of our friends—Generosity of the duke and dutchess—Arrive at the camp.*

THE duke thought proper that we should pay a visit to my lord Cathcart, appointed commander in chief of the forces destined to the West-Indies, before we departed to our duty, and accordingly carried us to wait upon that nobleman, who received us in a manner that charmed us, and promised his grace that he would not forget us upon any promotion that occurred; so that we parted from him, full of joy at being designed to serve under an officer of such experience, honour, and humanity.

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It was impossible however for lord William and myself to contemplate the awful distance, that was soon to divide us from our native country, from our loves,—without a degree of seriousness, that even bordered upon melancholy. Our comrade Harry, who had an amazing stock of vivacity, contributed greatly to keep up our spirits, and often bantered us in his droll way, upon our effeminacy; but, alas! he had no favourite she to leave, no jealous fear to perplex his brain, none of that train of painful regrets that tortured our bosoms, upon this trying occasion.

We received our orders to join the regiment, and now the dreaded moment came, when I was to part with all my soul held dear. In order therefore, to take a private farewell, suited to the dignity of the occasion, I sought her in her apartment, and found

found the lovely mourner, drowned in sorrow, and in an attitude that rived my heart in twain. I approached her with trembling steps; I took her fair hand in mine. I attempted to speak, and the unfinished accents died upon my tongue.

AT length, somewhat resuming the man, I tenderly took her in my arms, and cried,

“ Oh ! delight of my eyes—cease, if possible, these tears, which incapacitate me

“ for the least reflection ! we part—it is

“ true—but part to meet again—never

“ more to be absent from each other ! Ten

“ thousand rising tenderneſſes melt my

“ soul !—ah ! why was I formed with so

“ much softness ! or why am I not in a

“ condition to perpetually indulge it ? But

“ hear me, thou dear arbiter of my fate !

“ hear me, whilst I swear, that truth, con-

“ stancy, and a perpetual regard to our

“ chaste

“ chaste affection, shall dwell with me every  
“ moment of my absence ! not a wander-  
“ ing look, or glance, shall ever decoy my  
“ eyes, my thoughts, full of thy adorable  
“ image, of thy transporting form ! And  
“ oh ! may those powers, that look down  
“ complacently on innocence and virtue,  
“ preserve us for each other, and recom-  
“ pence all our sufferings !”

“ Thou dearest youth”—she had now  
acquired presence of mind enough to reply  
“ —thou object of my virgin vows !—my  
“ fears—my cares !—can I bear this absence  
“ and live ?—Can I, that have dwelt in  
“ the sight of those matchless perfections,  
“ —that have every minute proudly con-  
“ templated thy virtues !—can I bear the  
“ thought of being deprived of all this  
“ perhaps for ever, and not expire ? But  
“ ah ! it must be ; our cruel fortunes—  
“ that

“ that have taken our parents from us,—  
“ that have pursued us from our births,—  
“ have not ceased their malevolence! Yet  
“ if any thing can preserve my senses—  
“ it is the kind—the tender assurances, you  
“ give me of your truth and constancy—  
“ your pleasing prophecies of future hap-  
“ pines,—Ah! may they not prove illu-  
“ sive dreams—formed to flatter our too  
“ ardent expectations! By that Almighty  
“ Power, that presides over all human  
“ events,” and here she flung herself upon  
her knees beside me, whilst I joined in the  
same attitude, “ my mind shall remain  
“ firmly yours—my soul shall never know  
“ a semblance of inconstancy—and you,  
“ and only you—shall ever fill this breast  
“ —shall ever share this heart—which you  
“ have secured by so many different ser-  
“ vices—by so much real, and genuine  
“ merit!”

“ merit !” Here she ceased—and left me transported with the harmonious accents of her charming voice.

WHILST yet I held the dear hand in mine, the marchioness stole unperceived into the room, and looking at us with the utmost tenderness, sat down by us. I was much confused, as well as her daughter, and the marks of our tears were visible in our eyes. I attempted to rise,—but the excellent lady said, “ Do not be disturbed, my children,—I know full well the reason of your tears,—and I must join them with mine,—I am touched, my dear, to the heart, with this separation, though so long expected. I am not prepared to lose thee, thou excellent youth !—Thou who hast been more than a son to me—how can I bear this absence. But why do I repine—God’s will be done—you have

“ have restored us to our family—Providence perhaps may also, restore to me a husband, and to my daughter a father, whom we all lament—who may now be a wretched wanderer in some distant clime. “ May heaven preserve and protect thee, “ and return thee safe, with thy noble friend, to our longing wishes.” I said all that my grateful heart could dictate, in return to so much goodness—I threw myself before her—called her my dearest—much loved mother, and vowed her life and happiness, was more dear to me, than my own. And thus we parted ! O ever to be remembered—woeful—happy day !

SOON afterwards I was joined by my friend, who had just come from the same tender interview, with his charming Charlotte, and we mingled our tears, and complaints together, and were some hours before

fore we were willing to see the rest of our friends. Harry, mean time, had attended the packing up our equipage, and a number of magnificent necessaries, with which the generosity of their graces, had furnished us all. Those dear parents, friends, and patrons, parted with us after a thousand blessings, and prayers for our welfare. The earl, the countess, her daughter, and son, joined us; nothing could equal the tenderness expressed by them all, at our separation. The fair ones tears ran incessantly; not noticed now, for all present wept.

It was an hour after this melancholy parting, before we could speak to each other; even the lively Hammerton was touched, and mute; and when we did, the discourse ran on what had just passed, and we afresh lamented the cruel commands of honour, that thus forced us from these  
dearly

dearly beloved relatives. We were attended by my man James, that faithful fellow resolving to share my fortune, and lord William's favourite servant, with another, that he had appointed to wait upon Mr. Hamberton, and in three days arrived at Portsmouth, and passed over to the isle of Wight, where now the forces were all encamped, and preparing for their embarkation. Here we waited upon our colonel, who received us in a very polite manner, and that very evening, invited the rest of the officers of the regiment, to an entertainment, and presented us to them, by whom we were received with the behaviour of gentlemen, and the frankness of soldiers.

CHAPTER VIII.

*We embark for the West Indies—Arrive at Barbadoes—The general dies—Character of his successor—Arrive at Jamaica.*

WE recommended ourselves so much to our brother officers, by our conduct, and the politeness of behaviour, that we were soon very much caressed on all hands. The old soldiers, who observed our assiduity and expertness in our duty, pronounced, that we should make as good officers as any in the army; and my friend and I, bestowed so many lessons upon Harry, that he soon became as complete a soldier as ourselves. As to the young officers, our gay and magnificent appearance, the quality of my friend, and the great

command of money we displayed, together with our courteous behaviour, attracted all their praise. Though I was only eldest lieutenant, of the colonel's company, or in other words, captain lieutenant, yet I had as unlimited a command over my men, as lord William over his, the colonel seldom troubling himself with any other, than regimental affairs, and leaving the company to my sole management. And, in a little time, these two companies, were not only distinguished, more than the rest of the regiment, but more than all those in the camp; we polished the roughness, and brutality of our men, and, by our example, checked that licentious behaviour, which they had brought from the streets of London, of which they had mostly been the *canaille*. The friendship of our colonel for us, soon got a removal for Harry, who was ordered

to do duty, as first lieutenant of lord William's company, to his great joy, as he did not entirely relish his former captain, a positive, touchy, old soldier, of great sufficiency, and little knowledge. The harmony observed among us, had such an effect upon the other officers of our two companies, who were all much of our own age, that we lived a life envied by all around us; disorder and confusion, riot and uproar, was banished from our tents, and friendship, harmony and good humour was conspicuous in all our transactions. Thus we continued for near two months, in our island camp, till the British fleet, had assembled at Spithead, and during this time, we frequently received letters from all our friends, particularly our adored fair ones, fraught with such soft, such delicate

sentiments, as at once consoled and aggravated the pain of absence.

AND now the fleet being ready, we embarked, in good health and spirits, and as it fortunately happened, both our companies were ordered on board the same ship, a favour we in great measure owed to our colonel, who contrived all the methods in his power to oblige us. Various and perplexing were the many attempts we made to sail, and our frequent returns into port; but at length we were blessed with a fair wind, and bid a long adieu to the chalky cliffs of England, carrying in our bosoms a fund of love, esteem, and veneration, for our dear friends and native country. Lord William and Harry were excessively sea sick for some days; but as to my part, I had never one qualm during the voyage. Our vessel met with no accident; we did

not

not lose a man ; and what was still more to be wondered at, there was not the least mis-understanding or disturbance among us during the whole passage. Every thing was conducted with ease, harmony, politeness, and unanimity.

I MUST here advertise my reader, that he need be under no pain or apprehension of my making a long digression from my story, to relate the incidents of our voyage or our consequent military operations. I never intended to give him a sea journal, or to enter into the merits or miscarriages of our expedition. Much has been written, pro and con, upon the subject, the greater part of which, might as well have been spared, for the knowledge it has imparted to the world. I shall only touch upon such publick actions wherein I myself had a share ; my private story is what I intended the

world should be acquainted with ; nor shall I digress from it, to become the medium either of party encomium, or malice.

To return then, we reached Barbadoes in safety, and were detained there some time by the much lamented death of our most noble commander in chief. If the testimony of ten thousand weeping eyes could speak his merit, they did so ; we, who were more immediately under his care, lost by this stroke a general, a father, and a friend, and the expedition its principal spring and support. General \_\_\_\_\_ succeeded him, who, if not equal in military experience, yet possessed all his softer qualities, and perhaps was as generous, humane, and kind an officer, as ever bore a truncheon. We were several times on shore, during our stay, at these islands, where we were entertained with magnificence

magnificence by the settlers ; a vain, shewy, but good natured set of people.

THE remainder of our voyage to Jamaica was principally distinguished by the diseases that infected the fleet and army, by which numbers met their fate, and were cast into the bowels of the ocean. Our arrival at the wished for island put some short stop to the mortality, by the fresh water and provisions it afforded us ; but it soon returned with devouring force and swept away our men like the plague, by hundreds at a time. Nor were the officers exempted from the fate of their men, urging it by their intemperance, as if the diseases to which we were exposed, had not been sufficient of themselves to wing their passage to the other world.

## CHAPTER IX.

*Lord William and myself seized with the fever—  
Lieutenant Hammerton's affection and assi-  
duity—We recover—Sail for one of the Spa-  
nish settlements—Attack of a Fort—Wounded  
—Am brought off by lieutenant Hammerton  
—Return to Jamaica—We are all three pro-  
moted.*

WE were so happy, by mixing as little as possible in these debauches, to preserve our healths for a considerable time after our arrival. But it was our ill luck to be off our guard one evening, and, after drinking pretty freely at an entertainment made by one of the admirals, to which we were invited, we took so few of our usual precautions, as to barring out the evening dew, that

that we caught violent colds, and my friend and myself, were both attacked with a raging fever, that put our lives in imminent danger. Harry escaped, and happy it was for us that he did, for to his extraordinary affection and assiduity, and the faithful attendence of my man, more than any thing else, we owed the preservation of our lives. Each of them never stirred from us during our whole illness, performed all the offices of a nurse, and administered the medicines that were prescribed us. Our general officers, and all our brethren of the army, were continually visiting us, and we had so gained the good will of every one, that the apprehended loss of us, was viewed in the light of a common misfortune. Thank God, the endeavours of our physicians had the desired effect, and we recovered, though so much weakened, as

not to be able to return to our duty for some weeks. Lord William's and Harry's servants, who were attacked with the caleutre at the same time, baffled all the means medicine could furnish, and died regretted by us all, as their useful qualities deserved. The tenderness shewed by lieutenant Hammerton, which was held in admiration by all, drew from us the sincerest acknowledgments, and from this time we threw aside all reserve, and made him a partaker of all our secrets, even that of our love; and his lively reflections, and the pleasing hope he endeavoured to inspire, frequently softened the chagrin that our absence, now near a twelvemonth, without once hearing from the idols of our souls, had occasioned.

As to James, we promised to take the first opportunity to provide for him in another

another way; but the affectionate fellow, almost with tears in his eyes, told us, he could not think of any thing, though ever so advantageous to him, that should sever him from us.

BEFORE we were thoroughly well, orders were given for the forces to embark, upon a concerted expedition, from which the goodness of our superiors would have excused us. But the desire of signalizing ourselves in the service of our country, was too strong a motive to be dispensed with from a little bodily inability; nay, it perhaps contributed greatly to the restoration of our strength. Accordingly we went on board, with our respective companies, now very considerably lessened by the ravages, diseases and death had made amongst them.

WE now approached the destined scene of action, where first we were to draw our

maiden fwords, in the public quarrel. We took the forts at the entrance of the harbour, and in the several skirmishes, with which these advantages were attended, distinguished ourselves with applause. The roaring of great guns, the whizzing of the shot about our ears, and the horror and clangor of battle soon became familiar to us, and we marched unappalled through clouds of hostile smoke; thus frequent use, weans us from our natural propensity to fear, and the timid swain, by degrees, rises into intrepidity and heroism. Still the plagues of this sultry climate, the noxious season of the year, and some other accidents, that either could not, or were not remedied, continued to thin our ranks, even within sight of the lofty walls, which we, in imagination, looked upon as our own; so that our general thought proper

per to make one bold push, before he was further disabled, upon a strong fort, one of the principal defences of the city.

My friend, myself, and Hammerton, had each of us a share in the action of that memorable day, which unprisoned so many noble souls from their bodily mansions. I cannot help here making mention of the gallantry of my friend, who, as he was marching before his men, had his partisan shattered in his hand, by a shot from the castle, while, by the same shot, a serjeant and two private men just behind him, were killed. This noble youth, without the least alteration of countenance, stooped and took up the halbert, that had thus lost its owner, and giving the word to close the ranks, mightily, by this presence of mind, kept up the spirits of our men. Soon afterwards the worthy youth fell, by a more unlucky

unlucky shot, and was carried back to the camp, in a very dangerous condition. Nor did I escape better, but fell, wounded in three places; and should there have breathed my last, but for the friendship of Harry, who once more saved my life, by carrying me, with the assistance of his few remaining men, off the field, in the retreat.

PERHAPS the oldest officer living, was never witness to such unfortunate, such unavailing bravery, as was shewn by our troops, who intrepidly exposed themselves to sure and certain slaughter. Unhappy men! may your memories be ever dear to your country, who thus exposed your lives for her honour and interest! Harry had the good fortune to escape unhurt, and the behaviour of all three, was taken such notice of, by the brigadier of the day, that his report did us very considerable honour

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both in the army and fleet. We lost in this carnage our lieutenant colonel, and major; and lord William, out of his single company, every officer but Lieutenant Hammerton. But we had officers sufficient for our number of men, since now our two companies consisted together but of 36. Our wounds, though very dangerous, were not mortal, and as we had the assistance of the general's own surgeon, a few weeks perfected our cure; and, by our confinement on board, we only missed the being present at abundance of disagreeable bickerings between our commanders, and the melancholy circumstances of a retreat, which they mutually charged upon each other. Indeed Mr. Hammerton's account of these matters from time to time, made us not at all sorry for the space we were detained from action.

UPON

UPON our return to Jamaica, the general testified his satisfaction in our behaviour, by promoting lord William to the majority of our regiment, giving me a company, and appointing Mr. Hammerton to be captain lieutenant in my room, very genteelly informing us, that he bestowed these gifts, not so much from the deficiency of officers; but as a reward for our bravery, and from the knowledge he had of our abilities.

CHAP.

CHAPTER X.

An express arrives to lord William from England—Prepares to return home—I am again promoted—My behaviour at a court martial—Consequences—Embark for another expedition.

WE continued some weeks after our return, without any incident occurring that deserved notice, happy in the few friendships we had contracted upon the island, and more happy in the mutual harmony that reigned between us. But the arrival of a sloop of war from England, which brought expresses to the admiral and general, quickly put a period to our present calm, and, by its consequences, gave me as much pain as ever I had felt in my life.

Soon

Soon after his excellency had opened his packet, he, with his usual goodness, called at our quarters, which were not far distant from his own, and entering our apartment, where we were all three with a brother officer at back-gammon, surprized us greatly, by saying, " My lord ; I find we must part " from you ; which I am extremely con- " cerned for ; see, here I am ordered," holding out a letter, " from the secretary " of war, to give you leave of absence to " return to Europe. I fear somewhat has " occurred, that will give you pain, for " here is a packet inclosed in mine, with a " black seal, by which some mortality " must have happened in your family." We were all confounded at this speech of the general's, and though my friend took the packet from him, and was just able to thank him for the honour he did him, yet he

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he had not power to open it, to give him that intelligence he seemed to wait for.

SEEING this, I began to comfort him, with an unassured voice, and mean time, the general walking into our inner apartment, he gave the packet to Harry to open, which we were equally uncapable of doing, our fears had already operated so strongly upon us. However, it did not seem to be his grace, that had deceased; for in that case, I conjectured, my friend would not so suddenly have been commanded home; but then, let it be who it would, in that family, it must give me severe grief and anguish. Hammerton, as soon as he had eyed the packet, cried out, "Thank God, " his grace is well—for here is his hand "writing"—"Break it open," my lord returned,—"let us be satisfied—for I am "all terror, and apprehension!" This was

was immediately done—we eyed him whilst he was running over the duke's letter—and all on a sudden, observing he grew pale, and let the letter fall from his hands,—we were not able to refrain from tears,—both crying out at the same time—“Our “dear mother! the dutchess!” Harry, perceiving the effect of his surprize, resumed himself, enough to bring out—“No—my dear lord marquis—is dead!”

THIS was only changing the object, with a little difference, as to our affection, and we were no sooner confirmed in our misfortune, than we displayed all the tokens of the most sincere affliction. The general waiting in the next room, Harry went to acquaint him with the doleful tidings, upon which, he very discreetly went out at a private door, as he thought it not agreeable to constrain us, by his presence.

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THIS young nobleman had for so long a time behaved with good-nature and friendship before he left us, and had seemed so thoroughly weaned from his former follies, that the loss of him touched us nearly, and even captain Hammerton, who had known him so short a space, was tenderly affected with it. He dyed at the university of Cambridge, in the 23d year of his age, of a consumption, and this was the reason of my friend's being sent for home, as now he was the only hope of that illustrious family, and marquis of \_\_\_\_\_. We mourned him with as sincere tears as ever were shed, and I am satisfied, the illustrious title, and large estates, to which my friend was now become heir, did not in the least impair his regret for the loss of his brother.

As to my part, over and above my own concern at his death, I lamented the distresses,

tress, into which so severe a stroke would involve his noble family; but when we were composed enough to read our letters, my grief returned with double force, for there we understood, that the deceased had, by will, bequeathed to his dear friend and brother, as he was pleased to stile me, George Maitland, Esq; his whole estate in Fifeshire, which was intirely in his own disposal, only reserving to his brother, lord William, one farm upon it, which he had heard him commend, as a very pleasant spot. Could any thing be a greater proof of the repentance of this dear, this noble youth, or the sincerity of his late professions to his brother and me? In short, we bewailed him—as a brother—as a friend—as a benefactor—and as a nobleman that might have been an ornament to his dignity, had Providence thought fit to have lengthened

lengthened his life ; nor, even when the first impressions of our sorrow were a little worn off, did we pass a day, without recalling the perfect part of his character to remembrance, with sighs and tears.

THE general, the admiral, the governor, came to pay their compliments of condolence, and, as a man of war was immediately returning to England, my friend proposed going home in her, and began to settle matters accordingly. As the first step to it, without acquainting us, he resigned his commission to the general, in my favour, who immediately made me major of the regiment, and promoted captain Hammerton to a company. But all this could not console me, for the approaching loss of my friend, which sat heavy upon my heart, and betrayed itself in my countenance. Nor did he more relish this cruel separation ; but

but as his grace, though his letters were filled with affectionate expressions to me, never mentioned my returning with him, we looked upon that as a signification, that I should remain where I was, though now possessed of 1200l. a year, in Britain. At this legacy of his son's, his grace expressed in a particular letter to me, his satisfaction, as did the dutchess and marchioness; but more particularly my fair one, who, in her dear epistle, renewed those vows of fidelity and affection, which cheared my soul. Besides their letters, we received very kind ones from the earl, his lady and son; and my lord, a most charming assurance from lady Charlotte, of the continuance of her love, and her satisfaction in the idea of his speedy return. In the same packet our friend Hammerton received letters from his father and mother, who were both well, nor

nor did they forget to felicitate us upon our happy voyage, and the continuation of our healths, which was all they knew, in England, at the coming away of these letters, though, by this time, they must have received others from us, by the captains who carried the dispatches with all that befel us, on the late expedition.

My friend insisted upon my retaining every thing he had in the West Indies; but two changes of apparel, and a little ready money; and made captain Hammerton a present of a gold hilted sword, and a purse of 200 pistoles. We wrote letters by him, in return to those we had received, and particularly I told my delightful fair, that I hoped fortune would soon put an end to the present war, for every thing was insipid, and irksome to me, whilst from her presence; and as lord William had coun-

selled me, I sent the marchioness letters of attorney, properly witnessed, for the management of my estate, till my arrival in England, and desiring the profits might be applied to the use of her lovely daughter, to whom, in case of my dying abroad, I bequeathed it. Lord William collected all the curiosities and rarities he could procure, to oblige these dear persons with at his return, and I, and Hammerton also, laid out near three hundred pounds, in such like presents, not forgetting any of our friends.

THE ship was now ready to sail, having received her last orders from the admiral, when my friend and I prepared to bid each other adieu, for the first time we had ever made use of that word to each other. Our full hearts would scarce permit us to speak

“ —My Maitland !” “ My dear lord ! —

“ farewell !

“ farewell!—remember me!—May we live  
“ to re-join each other!”—were the bro-  
ken, disjointed accents, that alone could  
find utterance. Harry put in for his share,  
of the small time allotted us.—“ Take  
“ care my dear friends,” says the excellent  
youth, “ of each other,—never be asunder  
“ if you can avoid it—and may we all meet  
“ soon in England, which will be a desert  
“ till you arrive!”

WE were at length obliged to assume a  
little composure, and wait upon his lord-  
ship to the barge, which was ready to con-  
vey him aboard.—On the strand all the  
principal persons of the island were assem-  
bled, to wish him a good voyage—already  
the sails were loose—once more we embrac-  
ed—he walked slowly, still looking back  
to the boat, and soon got on board—he  
was saluted by the admiral, and all the

ships in the harbour—the anchor is now a-peak—they make sail—far as the straining eye could reach, I marked the decreasing vessel, which at last totally vanished from my sight! For many days after this separation, I could not stir from my quarters, I was so buried in grief and melancholy—every moment, all the endearing qualities of the amiable youth, with whom I had spent so many years, recurred to my remembrance!—Again, the dangers of his voyage painted themselves dreadfully on my imagination—dangers, which had I been with him, would have appeared as none. At last, the duty of my station recalled me to some attention—I was major of the regiment, and we were now preparing for another expedition.

MUCH about the same time, I was also appointed president of a general court martial,

tial, upon a serjeant of captain Hammer-ton's company, who was confined by captain Blaise, for getting drunk upon his guard, and for striking his officer on duty, the former, a crime severely punished by our articles of war; and the latter, meriting death, if it could be proved to the satisfaction of the court. I must own, I never could stomach Blaise in my life, he was a brute of the foremost class, a complete debauchee, and yet a strong stickler for the consideration of a man of honour. I happened to walk by his guard, when this affair happened between him and his serjeant, who, bating that he would tipple now and then, was one of the best duty serjeants in the regiment. The man to be sure was drunk—so was his captain—and most abominably too—he caned him—the serjeant warded off the blows with his hand,

and happened in doing so, to touch his face—to all this I was witness. Well, the trial came on ; Blaise swore heartily to every thing—the fellow was brow beat, and treated with ill language—and now the members withdrew to agree upon their sentence.—This is too often the case ; if an officer is ever so bad a man, yet the maxim is, to support his cause, for fear of lessening our own authority.—But finding all my brethren joined in a capital sentence—even poor Harry himself—but that was, in him, only an error of judgment—I remonstrated against the injustice of it—I mentioned my having been witness to the affair—reduced the two crimes to one, that of getting drunk, and afterwards declared, that if he was even sentenced too severely for that, I would confine Blaise for the same offence, and would have him cashiered.

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Harry I soon brought over to terms of humanity—but the rest, who were most of them grown old in tyranny, persisted in their determination.—As president, I required them to write their names—they did so, and at the bottom, I drew up a protest against the sentence, signed it myself, and made captain Hammerton do so too. This I immediately carried to the general—he was surprised, but I gave him my reasons—brought him over to my sentiments, and that night the prisoner was discharged.

THIS was a stretch of mercy and justice my military brethren thought very extraordinary ; but I minded not their cabals against me ; the general, the colonel, and the lieutenant colonel, were clearly of my opinion, and I cared not for the opinion of the ignorant, or the insensible. At length,

however, Blaise, warmed with punch, challenged me: As I knew the occasion, I was wrong to accept it—I should have confined him for the judgment of a court martial. Here, indeed, I was greatly to blame, and the warmth of youth transported me to forget, for a moment, my obligations to reason, to religion, and to my adored Harriet. We met with swords and pistols; at the first weapon, he found me an over match, and proposed to try the other, which called for less dexterity: I consented, we took a proper distance; but before I could level, as was agreed, he fired, and though he did not kill me, wounded me very dangerously. After this exploit, thinking he had left me for dead, he returned to his companions, and boasted of his bravery, till he was secured by the provost marshal.

MEAN

MEAN time I lay weltering in my blood and as we had chosen a very bye place, had not Hammerton been upon the hunt for me, I might have bled to death ; but he, providentially came to the scene, and with tokens of the sincerest grief had me conveyed home ; and at the same time, trying my pistols, found them both charged. My friend then, in a minute, judged how the matter was, and, after seeing me put to bed, and my wound examined, which he found was not mortal, he waited upon the general, and informed him of the whole affair. The astonishment he was in any one may I guess—a man of honour even shudders at baseness and cruelty : He came next day to see me, and I was sensible—He heard the story from my own mouth—the pistols corroborated my evidence, and that they were undischarged, many persons

witnessed, as well as my friend. The surgeon testifying I was out of danger, Blaife was delivered over by the civil power to the military, and we broke him with the ignominy and contempt he deserved, ordering him immediately to quit the island. The general and the colonel read me afterwards a very severe lesson for my acceptance of the challenge.—I acknowledged my error, and was ashamed of it. This misfortune, however, plainly proved how much I was beloved by all ranks of people, civil and military, who expressed the utmost sensibility at my danger, and such a detestation of the villain, that I was glad when he got safe on ship board. A man could not behave with more meanness than he did, he shed tears — he begged and prayed, at the court martial, with the most cowardly protestations, and when uncaptained,

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tained, was no more the haughty man of scarlet, but supple and submissive as a slave, proving the truth of the poet's remark :

*Cowards are cruel, but the brave  
Love mercy, and delight to save.*

I got my friend, as from himself, however, to give him fifty guineas, before he left the harbour.

ALL things being now ready, for the descent on the destined island, we once more embarked on our floating castles, and put to sea with a fair wind, forming great expectations from this attempt, and the fate intended in consequence of it.

At length we were in sight of the island, and the sun was high in the sky, when we descried a small boat, with a single man in it, who, as we were told, was a native of the island, and had been sent to intercept us. We were all in alarm, and the crew of the ship were in a state of great anxiety, but the captain, who was a man of great presence and address, and who had been a naval officer, soon put us at ease, and told us that he had no doubt of our safety, and that we should be soon ashore.

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## CHAPTER XI.

*Arrive in the harbour—Sent out with a reconnoitring party—Attack a large body of Spaniards—Am wounded and taken prisoner—Conveyed to the town—Captain Hamerton wounded—I wait upon the governor.*

WE left my servant in the charge of all our affairs at Jamaica, only taking with us a few necessaries, and, after a pleasant voyage, arrived in the harbour, and took possession of it without resistance; the forces were soon landed, and encamped in the sight of many flying parties of the Spaniards, who gave us very little annoyance.

I WAS immediately detached with a party of 250 men, to reconnoitre the defiles between the camp and the town, where it was

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thought proper to make the first attempt. As we advanced, we were frequently fired at from the woods and bushes, and I could hardly restrain the impetuosity of my men, who were very eager to fire. After about six miles march, we passed through a very large and extensive savannah, and discovered a great body of the enemy, in appearance near 1000 of their best troops, covered by the woods, on the opposite side. Upon this I called a council of my officers, who were all old in the service, and who agreed with me not to hazard an engagement with our small number, and unacquainted, as we were with the passages or retreats of the surrounding wood. Immediately I resolved to dispatch an express to the general, and mean time, to entrench myself in my station till I received the reinforcement I demanded; in which work I met with no opposition

opposition from the Spaniards, though so superior to me; on the contrary, they quietly beheld me fell the trees, cut the bushes, and dispose about me a regular wooden fortification. My messenger arrived at the camp through many dangers and difficulties, and in two days I received a large reinforcement of 300 men, with captain Flaminerton at their head, and orders to push forward and engage the enemy, if they did not retire.

THE Spaniards, who had laid quiet spectators all this time, upon the approach of our auxiliaries, at which we sent forth repeated shouts, decamped and made a precipitate retreat, harassed perpetually by our parties, which now I spread abroad, with good assurance, and who killed great numbers. In the mean time we had taken post upon an eminence, from whence we

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had a plain prospect of the town and the adjacent country, and discovered the Spaniards issuing out of those places to join the flying party we had driven before us ; the fugitives in the mean time rallied, and the whole force drew up in battalia. Seeing this, we determined to attack them immediately, forming ourselves into three bodies, that in the center I commanded myself, on the right Hammerton took his station, on the left captain Otway ; besides these, I appointed a corps de reserve under captain Collingwood, to reinforce where there was occasion, and to obey further orders. In this disposition our little army moved forward, nor did the Spaniards, who were four times our number, decline the engagement ; but met us half way, and the action soon grew hot on both sides. At the first charge, my men having reserved

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their fire, we singed their very whiskers, and made them give ground; but the great disproportion of our enemies soon supplied the place of the numbers that fell; and what did them still more service, was four small cannon, which were placed in their right wing, and destroyed a great number of our men. I had already received a wound in my neck, and another on my right shoulder, by a cannon shot, which laid me bare to the very bone, Otway fell valiantly fighting, and two lieutenants had also met their fate, with near 200 of my men. I had no probability of further aid, and the Spaniards were encreasing every minute; besides, our ammunition was running short, which was another discouragement, and therefore we immediately began to retire towards the woods, that we might have some cover for our wearied men. The officers

ficers did all they could to favour this disposition ; myself, Hammerton and Collingwood, bringing up the rear and exposing ourselves to the enemies fire, who followed us so closely, as to make it a perfect butchery on both sides.

IN this situation, I received a wound in my left temple, that sent me to measure my length upon the earth, with the entire loss of my senses. What passed afterwards I knew not, for when I came to myself I found I was lying on the wood side, with my friend groaning by me, surrounded by our swarthy enemies, while their surgeons were dressing our wounds. A cavalier of a generous countenance, stood over them, to whom, in French, I directed myself and asked if we were his prisoners, but he did not understand that language, upon which I repeated my question in as good Spanish,

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as I was able—He answered me in an old proverb, “*Buen corazon quebranta mala ventura,*” and added—“ Gallant Englishman, be not alarmed, you are our “ prisoners, but shall be treated as your “ courage deserves !”—I returned him my acknowledgments, as did my friend, who squeezing my hand, seemed to express the pleasure he had in being near me. I enquired in the same language, of the surgeon, into the state of our wounds, he answered, that none of them were mortal, but all dangerous, and desired us to be composed, and not fatigue ourselves too much with talking.

THE gallant officer, by this time, had got a litter from the city, into which we were both put, with great care and circumspection, and carried to his own house, which was the next in magnificence to the governor’s,

nor's, and the kindest attendance was given us, and in a week's time, we were able to sit up in our room. We then understood that Collingwood had, through numberless difficulties, bravely made his retreat good to the camp, where, we afterwards learnt by a deserter, great lamentations were made for our deaths. The Spaniards lost 700 men in the action, by their own confession, 350 of our men were killed in the battle and retreat, and 30 were taken prisoners.

THE first day that we left our beds, our excellent host, Don Miguel de Salvalatra, knt. of the order of Calatrava, and commander in chief of the forces in this part of the island, came into our apartment, and the minute I saw him, I made shift to rise, and cried out, "Generous enemy! You have given us life, and it shall be

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“ the future business of it to acknowledge  
“ the invaluable favour ; but these instances  
“ of magnanimity are not rare among  
“ the Spaniards !” “ Seignior,” he re-  
plied, “ I admired your bravery, even  
“ whilst I surveyed the fatal effects of it—  
“ your friend behaved like you, and when  
“ you had fallen, he defended your body,  
“ till an unlucky blow, which I was not  
“ near enough to prevent, laid him by your  
“ side. I was charmed with such heroism  
“ —and I am recompensed for my care of  
“ you, by your recovery. The governor  
“ has, at my instances, given you the li-  
“ berty of the town, upon your parole,  
“ when you are able to make use of it ; and  
“ I hope you will use this house as your  
“ own, till an exchange of prisoners is made,  
“ or you are sent to Spain. Mean time,  
“ suffer me to be a partner in your friend-  
“ ship

“ ship— low and despicable wretches may  
“ be cruel — may be envious — but the  
“ Englishman, or the Spaniard, of true  
“ dignity of soul, fights to overcome, and  
“ not to destroy.” We returned to these  
generous testimonies of goodness, all that  
our grateful hearts conceived, and he be-  
came so pleased with our company, that he  
seldom left it, but when his duty required.  
At length we recovered, and began to use  
the freedom we had obtained, taking care  
not to excite the jealousy of the govern-  
ment, by going near any of their fortifica-  
tions.

ONE evening, whilst we were enjoying  
the cool sea breeze, which is ever accep-  
table in these sultry climates, and were re-  
turning arm in arm to our quarters, dis-  
coursing of our absent friends, a Spaniard  
passed us, and immediately turning back,

ran captain Hammerton through the body, with his spado, and then very calmly walked off; nor did the many Spaniards, that were in the streets, offer to stop him, though they saw the action. In the first emotions of grief and rage, I was going, unarmed as I was, to follow, and seize the base assassin; but looking at my poor friend, all my cares were presently employed in staunching his blood, and with the assistance of two good natured Spaniards, we bore him home.

THE commander, whom we found within, was grieved prodigiously when he heard the affair, and, for myself, I was quite distracted, thinking I had lost my poor Hammerton for ever. While our generous entertainer was talking with the two Spaniards that helped us home, I stood watching over the surgeon, for his sentence of

Life or death, and judge what was my joy, when he pronounced that the weapon had touched no mortal part, and I perceived my friend open his eyes, with a deep sigh! Our noble Spaniard soon came to the bed-side, and perceiving that he was not dead, showed a prodigious satisfaction, adding with a melancholy tone, —“ Curse on the “ jealous fury of this country!—I have “ discovered the name and quality of the “ murderer, who is nearly related to me; “ and has, I doubt not perpetrated this “ cruelty from an apprehension that “ Seignior Hammerton is his rival in my “ sister’s affections, as I know she has “ talked of you both in a very favourable “ manner, which must have come to his “ ears. But the governor is now come “ from his country seat—he has never seen “ you—we will go and demand justice for “ this

“ this vile assault,” Saying this, without giving me time to reply, he mounted his calash, and obliging me to follow him we soon arrived at the palace, where we were introduced into a saloon, and told his excellency would immediately wait upon us.

CHAPTER XII.

*My surprize at the sight of him—He sends for the assassin—The affair compromised—A strange discovery—The adventures of Don Antonio de Seguera—Recovery of captain Hammerton.*

NOT many minutes afterwards, the governor entered the apartment, preceded by his major domo and two negroes, each bearing a wax candle, in a silver stand. He was tall and well proportioned, and had such a majestic air and countenance as, the instant I saw him, struck me with reverence. Indeed I was unable to remove my eyes from him, and I seemed as it were to recollect in the lines of his face many of those features that had all my life attracted my

regard, the most prepossessing benevolence of heart, and a dignity, the unquestionable mark of real greatness. My conductor introduced me to him, by telling him, that I was the chief of the brave officers that had so valiantly attacked and maintained an engagement against superior numbers. The governor upon this regarded me with attention, and received my civilities, with abundance of good nature and complacency; but, as for my part, even this was not sufficient to dissipate, a kind of flutter of spirits I was under, and for which I could not account. The voice of this nobleman awed me, while his person struck me with reverence and pleasure, and, in short, my embarrassment was so excessive, that I could scarce answer the several questions he put to me in very good French, observing that I did not talk the Spanish with readiness.

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My conductor now informed him of the reason of our visit, which was to complain of the baseness of Don Juan de Sarmento, his cousin, who had violated the laws of honour, and the rights of hospitality, by attacking my friend, and to demand justice upon the assassinator. I was no doubt exceedingly afflicted at captain Hammerton's situation ; but, as his wound had been declared not mortal, I was willing to give Don Miguel an instance of my esteem for him, and veneration for his family, and therefore addressed the governor in these terms. " My lord, Don Juan, irritated " without doubt by some busy informer, " became jealous of my friend, and thought " his honour concerned in punishing him. " He did that by a private stab, which in " England would have been done, by a " formal challenge, and a duel—The cus-

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“ Men of different countries vary so much, that what is honourable in one, may be infamous in another. But, my lord, my friend is likely to recover—we owe every thing to the generosity of Don Miguel, and beseech you to pardon his relation, who, as he will be assured, has no grounds for his jealousy, will forego any further attempts, and become our friend.

“ I should indeed have prevented the trouble we have given you, but that my generous protector was so quick, I had no time to express my opinion, till this moment.”

HERE I ceased, and the governor looking at me with a placid countenance, answered with encomiums on my generosity, in which he was joined by Don Miguel. Meanwhile he sent a messenger away to Don Juan, saying, I gave him a singular pleasure,

for as he was soon going to quit his government, he should be sorry to have stained its conclusion with blood. The jealous Spaniard presently arrived in obedience to his summons; but was ready to drop at the sight of me and Don Miguel, which was entirely unexpected. The governor, with great severity, took him to task, represented the heinousness of his offence and the little foundation he had for his cruelty, and then extolling our generosity in interceding to prevent his punishment; he concluded;

“ Go, sir, recover my esteem and that of  
“ those gentlemen, by endeavouring, with  
“ future civility and acts of friendship, to  
“ efface the memory of your baseness.”

The young Spaniard was under so much embarrassment at this rebuke, that he made very little reply, and soon left the room loaded also with the reproaches of Don Mi-

guel, who called him mean, suspicious, and cruel.

AND now it being very late, we rose to take our leave, when the governor turning to Don Miguel, said, "Sir, I must not regard this as a visit—you have given me a great deal of pleasure in bringing this gentleman to see me; but render, I intend, the favour of still greater value, by breakfasting with me to-morrow with him—I shall expect you very eagerly." My friend promised to comply with his request, and we left him, nor could I do so without a silent regret at parting, even a moment, from a gentleman that had already attracted so much my esteem.

WHEN we arrived at home, we found Don Juan had been there, enquiring after captain Hammerton's health, and that he shewed

shewed a great deal of joy at hearing he was so well, as he had now come to a right understanding with Donna Elvira, who convinced him that his suspicions were without foundation. And the next morning, when Harry was already easy enough to converse and see company, he made his acknowledgments in form and sincerely, very unlike a Spaniard, asked his pardon. The affair was easily compromised with my good natured friend, and every day after this, as long as we stayed in the country, Don Juan conferred some token of his repentance and liberality upon us. Donna Elvira also, by her brother's desire, came to see us, and expressed an extreme concern at the unfortunate accident. She was a very amiable young lady; but too much of a Spanish beauty to please the *gout* of an Englishman.

In the mean time as soon as we were along, I described the governor to my friend, and told him of the impressions he had made upon me. I was indeed in a manner frantic with impatience till the next morning arrived that I might be again blessed with the sight of him. Harry, no more than myself, could account for these impressions, which seemed to be inspired by somewhat more than so transient a view of the perfections of his person, and the amiableness of his behaviour. Another thing struck me in this nobleman. He had nothing of the complexion of a native Spaniard, and much less of those of America; he talked Spanish as I thought with a French accent, and spoke this latter language with uncommon fluency. All these observations joined together to heighten my astonishment, and to give the utmost poignancy

poignancy to my curiosity. I did not sleep all night for these thoughts, and the governor ran every minute in my mind—nay it was all the same if I dozed, I dreamed of him.

Next morning came, and, as soon as it was day, I arose and went into Harry's apartment, waiting impatiently for Don Miguel's summons to attend him to his visit; but that gentleman came to excuse himself from accompanying me, as he was obliged to go out with a party of his men, upon an expedition that could not be delayed. He begged however I would pay the visit myself, and make his apology to the governor, at the same time ordering his equipage to be got ready to attend me. I was not much concerned at this incident, nay, I was transported to think that I should have the engaging nobleman to myself.

self. Accordingly, getting into the calash, I quickly arrived at the palace, where I was received with extraordinary ceremony, and conducted to a closet, to which the governor had retired as it were on purpose to be more at his leisure with us. He apologized for any indecorums that might be committed by his servants, adding, “ For  
“ servants that have no mistress, are ge-  
“ nerally under no very extraordinary ma-  
“ nagement.”

By this I perceived he had no wife, and remarked, rather as it will probably be thought in an unreflecting manner, that it was somewhat extraordinary for a nobleman of so advantageous a person, to continue free from some soft attachment, in a country of so much gallantry. He looked at me at these words, with a visible concern upon his countenance. “ Ah! sir, before  
“ I knew

“ I knew this country, I was happy, in  
“ one of the best and finest women breath-  
“ ing. But my cruel fortune has long  
“ robbed me of the comfort of her pre-  
“ sence, and from the moment I left her  
“ I have been the unhappiest wretch on  
“ earth.” I was wonderfully affected with  
a complaint delivered in the most touching  
accent; and directly all that I had heard of  
my fair one’s honoured father, came into  
my mind, and with such force of reflection,  
that it made a visible alteration in my fea-  
tures. The governor perceived this, and  
with great politeness asked me, whether I  
were not attacked with some sudden indis-  
position? “ Ah! my lord,” I replied,  
“ the similarity of your person, and your  
“ circumstances, with those of a noble-  
“ man to whom I bear some relation, struck  
“ me with such a gloom as almost over-

“ came me? But he was a Scotchman,  
“ and you, my lord, must be of French  
“ extraction, for by your dialect I appre-  
“ hend you are not a native Spaniard.”

During this speech, while I still had a dish of chocolate trembling in my hand, my noble entertainer surveyed me from head to foot, and suddenly casting his eye on my ring finger, which was distended to hold the cup—he retired back several paces, and exclaimed, in very good English,

“ Almighty God! How is this! What do  
“ my wondering eyes behold?”

NEVER was surprize equal to mine, at hearing these words in my own language, and, without explanation, I concluded in an instant, however improbable it might seem, that this was my lord marquis, and imagined that the sight of the ring which his sister had given me, occasioned his present

gent disorders. (For when we were taken, Don Miguel had not suffered us to be plundered of a single thing.) My breast now heaved with transport, whilst my eyes wandered over him, and unable to utter a word, I fell prostrate before him, and strongly embracing his knees, burst into tears, which soon gave liberty to my voice.

"My lord—Oh! relieve my doubts," I cried, "Oh! certify me—Am I so happy as to behold my lord marquis of ~~of~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~W~~ whose absence has occasioned his noble family so many tears? If so, blessed be this captivity!—Blessed be the moment I set foot on this island!"

Never could there be presented a scene more touching than this. With uplifted eyes, hands clasped together, and an universal trepidation all over him, the venerable governor brought out these words—“I

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“ am—my son, I am, that unhappy man  
“ —whose passions—whose imprudencies  
“ ruined him!—But, excellent — lovely  
“ youth—for whom the minute I saw you  
“ I felt emotions of tenderness—who—  
“ who—are you ; that seem to know my  
“ story so well ?” To these enquiries I en-  
deavoured to make such an anfwer as should  
sooner convey to the amiable veteran, all  
the joyful news I had to communicate.  
“ Oh ! my dear lord,” said I—“ I know  
“ not who I am myself—but to your no-  
“ ble brother the duke of ———, I  
“ owe every thing, and when I left Eng-  
“ land—in his family resided your mar-  
“ chioness, and a charming daughter,  
“ happy in all things , but their ignorance  
“ of your fate !” Alas ! I knew too little  
of human nature—the passions thus excited  
in his bosom soon overpowered his facul-  
ties,

ties, and clasping my hand, he fell back in his chair, without any apparent sense or motion. I cared not to call in witnesses, and therefore did nothing but run about the room in a manner distracted. My entertainer however recovered his senses sooner than I expected; but a kind of frenzy succeeded, he gazed at me, over and over—then pulled me to him—and anon pushed me back to look at me again, with such an air, as excited in my breast the most intimate concern, and made the tears run plentifully down my cheeks.

FOR more than an hour we remained in this situation, till his wandering ideas began to combine themselves together, and waking as it were from a dream, he cried out, “ Oh! my son—my better angel! “ Excuse the trouble I have given you—“ your joyful, welcome tidings, had well

“ nigh

“ night robbed me of my reason—but I  
“ will be composed or laid down by me—  
“ how shall I be able to recompence you  
“ for your goodness!” He then begged to  
see my ring, which I pulled off on purpose,  
and having viewed it very narrowly, she  
returned it to me again, saying, “ Ay,  
“ this was an innocent pledge of my af-  
“ fection to that dear sister, to whom I  
“ have behaved with great ingratitude;  
“ but Providence I hope will enable me to  
“ make her amends. But,” continued he,  
“ let me learn—dear sir, all you know of  
“ my family, oblige me with your own  
“ adventures, that I may discover by what  
“ wonderful means Providence has af-  
“ forded me this great happiness.”

By this time we were so far composed,  
that I hesitated not a moment to comply  
with

with his request, I began then from my very birth — willing to interest him in my story — informed him of the duke's taking me into his family — his discovery of Jenkins — the flight of my father and mother — the friendship between his nephew and me; and all the adventures we had met with since. The saving his wife and daughter from drowning — the rescue of the latter from the marquis and Beagle — the discovery of those dear persons at Brome-hall — the repentance, reformation, and death of the marquis — our transactions in the West Indies, and lord William's departure, concluding with an account of the noble usage we had received from Don Miguel. I was resolved not to conceal either my affection for his lovely daughter — the will I had lately made in her favour, or the marquess's

chioness's approbation of my passion, and concluded the whole with these words.

“ Thus, my dear lord, you have been  
“ made acquainted with my story, which  
“ fully justifies what I told you before,  
“ that I know not at present who I am—  
“ You observe, my lord, how much I am  
“ obliged to their graces and lord William,  
“ to my lady marchioness and your ami-  
“ able daughter—Behold, my lord,” hold-  
ing out her valued picture, “ the image  
“ of those charms to which I am a captive.”

And flinging myself upon my knees, whilst he eagerly surveyed his daughter's features, a tear stealing down his cheeks, “ Oh !  
“ my lord ! let me beseech you to permit  
“ me to indulge my love—now so woven  
“ with my frame, that death would be in-  
“ cluded in your denial. The hope of en-  
“ joying those perfections has enabled me to

“ encounter

“ encounter so many dangers, and, dear  
“ sir, honoured lord and father (suffer me  
“ to call you by that dear name) at a time  
“ that I have made you supremely happy,  
“ let me not be cursed with the bitterness  
“ of despair.”

DURING my whole relation, the marquis  
kept his eyes fixed upon me with a visible  
delight. He sympathized even with tears  
in the disasters I related, and when my  
subject led me to speak of the services I  
had performed to his wife and daughter,  
pressed my hand with the most ardent gra-  
titude. At length rising from his seat, he  
cried out, “ Oh ! great is the force of  
“ natural affection ! how stupendous its  
“ effects ! the minute I saw you I felt for  
“ you all the affection of a parent—you  
“ regarded me as a father—you are cer-  
“ tainly my near relation—I will be a fa-  
“ ther

“ these to you for Almighty Being; A wise y  
“ hast thou implanted in our bosoms these  
“ beautiful propensities. Yes, my son, I  
“ should regard myself as a monster were  
“ I to deny any of thy requests, Whom  
“ Providence and so many virtues have  
“ contributed to join I cannot put asunder.  
“ Nor is it out of my power to recom-  
“ pence your worth! I perceive my wife  
“ has related all our adventures to our  
“ cruel separation so many years ago.  
“ Many things have occurred to render  
“ me suspected of unkindness to those dear  
“ persons, whom I love with the fondest  
“ affection. But I will, in my turn, clear  
“ up these matters, by acquainting you  
“ with all that has since happened to me.”  
And, seeing me all attention, he proceeded  
as follows :

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After my melancholy parting with  
Sister dear lady and daughter, I arrived at  
London without any accident, and  
found means to conceal myself, by the  
endeavours of a faithful friend, till the  
departure of a ship, the Nostra Seignora  
de Rosario, for Cadiz. There I safely  
arrived, and from thence repairing to  
Madrid, I demanded an audience of his  
Catholic majesty, who very generously  
in a few weeks gave me this government;  
a great favour, as the office is lucrative,  
and the principal posts in the West In-  
dies are seldom conferred upon any but  
natives of Spain. Never during my stay  
in Europe did I hear one word from the  
marchioness, for either her letters were  
unfaithfully brought, or I departed for  
America before she made her enquiries;  
and I presume all the methods I have  
taken

“ taken to be informed respecting her,  
“ have miscarried from the change of her  
“ name, and the uncertainty of the places  
“ of her residence. This plunged me into  
“ a melancholy, that has often been near  
“ costing me my life ; but Providence, it  
“ is plain, reserved me for the happiness  
“ that seems dawning upon my soul.

“ My voyage was long and tedious,  
“ and knowing the partiality of the Spa-  
“ niards to their own country, I assumed  
“ the name of Don Antonio de Seguera,  
“ which was also used in my commissions  
“ at my desire, and passed for a native of  
“ Castile ; nor does one person know to  
“ the contrary, though I have resided  
“ among them so many years. My tem-  
“ per was formerly hot and fiery, impa-  
“ tient of contradiction or controul, which  
“ caused the differences between me and my  
“ brother

“ brother the duke, in which I was solely  
“ culpable. But this temper has long worn  
“ off. My behaviour in this government  
“ has, I trust, been such as to engage the  
“ esteem of the Spanish court, and the love  
“ of those over whom I preside. But I have  
“ been long tired of my situation among the  
“ enemies of my country, and in the out-  
“ ward profession of a religion that shocks  
“ my reason and affronts my knowledge ;  
“ beside, I was resolved even to encounter  
“ death itself rather than be longer igno-  
“ rant of the fate of my family. For this  
“ reason, after long solicitations, I have  
“ just obtained my discharge, and leave to  
“ return to Europe. I only wait the ar-  
“ rival of a new governor to put it in exe-  
“ cution ; and, if the British court will  
“ not permit my return to my native  
“ country, I have now acquired fortune  
“ sufficient

“ sufficient to make the remainder of my  
“ days happy in any other part of Europe.  
“ Titles I will willingly sacrifice, nay in  
“ the loss of my former fortune I will ac-  
“ quiesce, nor ever trouble myself again  
“ with the schemes of a mad-headed party,  
“ if I can be suffered to return to Britain,  
“ and end my life in my native seats.

“ Thus, my son, you see I am almost  
“ ready to bid adieu to America, and as no  
“ cartel is settled for the exchange of pri-  
“ soners, I shall carry you and captain  
“ Hammerton with me to Europe ; and in  
“ Spain you shall reside with me till you  
“ are exchanged, or, if possible, till I can  
“ obtain permission to set my feet on  
“ English ground. Let us keep up ap-  
“ pearances, however, whilst we are here ;  
“ but in <sup>me</sup> private use me as a father that  
“ tenderly loves you, and whose whole  
“ possessions

“ possessions shall revert, after death, upon  
“ his children.”

I once more, at this conclusion, fell at  
his feet, embraced his knees, and testified  
the overbearing gratitude of my soul, from  
which posture he raised me, and tenderly  
embracing me returned me my invaluable  
jewel, my fair one's picture, telling me,  
with a smile, that he perceived we should  
make a most beautiful couple, and that we  
were both extremely handsome. After  
dinner I returned home the most happy  
prisoner breathing, nor could I help look-  
ing upon this recovery of the marquis, as  
a prelude to my once again seeing my dear  
father and mother, which could not be  
more unexpected. In a few days, every  
one of which I waited upon this amiable  
nobleman, who was uneasy if he missed me  
for an hour longer than ordinary, my friend

Harry recovered, whom I had before made partaker of my felicity. Words cannot express his joy upon the occasion, and the marquis received him with great politeness, and soon entertained a friendship for him, and as to me, he regarded me with as much fondness as if he had been my natural father. Don Miguel was charmed that the governor shewed us so much respect, though we forbore to let him into the secret ; and by his friendship, a flag of truce arriving from Jamaica, we were permitted to send letters to our general and friends, and orders to my man to repair to England in the first ship that sailed. For now we were both eager to revisit Europe, as, beside other considerations, we believed there would be no more action of notice in the West Indies, where the war began to languish prodigiously on both sides.

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CHAPTER XIII.

*Don Miguel constituted governor—We embark for Europe—Our pleasant voyage—Arrive at Ferrol—My friend and self dismissed upon our parole—We come to England.*

THUS we continued for near five months, as happy as our absence from our dear friends would permit, and the contemplation of the great joy we should give them by returning the marquis to their embraces could make us. At length an advice boat arrived from the Havannah, with dispatches for [that nobleman ; who the very hour he perused them sent a message for Don Miguel and us to attend him. As soon as we arrived, addressing our host in these terms ; “ Thank God, my dear

“ friend, that after the many favours received from the inhabitants of this island, I am enabled to leave so worthy a successor as yourself to preside over them.

“ Receive, sir, a commission appointing you governor of this town and its districts, which the goodness of our royal master has enabled me to put into your hands, and suffer me to be the first to felicitate you on your promotion.” Don Miguel, to whom this honour was unexpected, was some moments before his surprise and joy would permit him to reply ; and when he did it was in terms of the most lively gratitude. The news of this promotion was scarcely less agreeable to us than to himself, to whom he had behaved with such unexampled generosity and goodness. The magistrates and principal inhabitants were summoned to take their oaths to the new governor,

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governor, and the marquis, who proposed to go in the advice boat to the Havannah, and from thence to Europe, took his leave of them in an affectionate speech, all ranks of people expressing their sorrow for his departure and esteem of his conduct. As to Don Miguel, he loaded us with presents and civilities before our departure with the marquis, who carried us with him as his prisoners ; and we bid adieu to this worthy Spaniard and his family, even with tears.

His lordship put all his treasure, amounting to 200,000 pieces of eight, on board, and coasting along we arrived in safety at the Havannah, after many honours received there, embarking on board the Conquistadore man of war, which was bound directly for Spain. The heavens seemed to interest themselves in our favour during

the whole course of our voyage, which was terminated by our safe arrival at Ferrol, where we repaired to the governor's, to whose house we were invited during our stay in that part of the kingdom. And here the marquis began to distinguish himself by his benevolence to the great number of English prisoners that were captives of war, bestowing on all of them largesses agreeable to their rank, and particularly to those who were sick in the hospital.

IN one of these excursions, in which captain Hammerton and myself accompanied him, we were told that a Scotch captain, who had been wounded in a fray with some of his countrymen, was in great distress. Upon this we repaired to his apartment, to administer him some relief. But judge what was the marquis's surprise when he discovered him to be the perfidious

dious Maclellan, by whom he had been betrayed at his arrival in England with the marchioness. The wretch recollected his benefactor and shewed the greatest confusion. But the generosity of the noble peer prevented his reproaching him in his present circumstances, and he even left him the relief he so little deserved. Some days after we were informed that he was dead, confessing in his last moments to those about him, with the utmost horror and contrition, his base ingratitude. An instance of the chastisement of heaven, even in this life, for treachery and villainy !

SOON after we set out for Madrid, the marquis having obtained leave to carry us with him to court, upon representing that we were his relations. He was received there with great distinction, by the king and ministry, and we saw all that was

worth notice in the Spanish capital. But this was no resting place for any of us, and therefore in pursuit of the scheme he had laid down, the marquis procured us our liberty, upon our parole of honour to make interest with the English government for the dismission of two prisoners of equal rank, and in case of failure to return again to our durance in Spain. At the same time his lordship, under pretence of the ill state of his health, got leave to repair to Montpelier for the benefit of the waters, and having all three obtained proper passports from the French court, and the marquis privately negociated his fortune, we left Spain, instead of Montpelier, taking the direct route of Paris. His lordship, fearful of being known in that kingdom, travelled as my servant in a proper livery. Our journey was very pleasant, and we had opportunities sufficient

cient to gratify our curiosity with the sight of every thing that could excite it in that kingdom. Nor were we long before we got safely over to Dover, from whence we immediately set out for London.

ANY one may guess the joy it gave us thus to set foot in our dear country, when he considers the tender friendships we each had there. And as to the marquis, he was so altered by many years absence, and we had taken so many other precautions to disguise him, beside the character of a servant which he still preserved, that there was little room to apprehend any hazard in coming over:

WE alighted at an hotel in St. James's-street, from whence I sent a message to the duke's to desire Jenkins, if he was to be met with, to come directly to me. It was not long before that worthy man was with us, who the minute he saw me sprang to

my embrace, and expressed all the joy of his honest heart at this meeting. He informed captain Hammerton and me that both our families were in health, and added that the duke and his family were all gone for some weeks to Brome-hall, and only himself and a man and maid servant left in the care of the London house. This happened just as we would have had it, and we dispatched him home before us, to prepare things for our reception, not having permitted him to discover the marquis. And soon afterwards, ordering our horses to be sent to his grace's stables, we walked on foot to the house.

THE sight of that beloved place filled me with a tenderness that drew tears of joy from my eyes, and now being seated, I ordered my man Antonio into the room, and having fastened the door, “ My dear Jenkins,”

“ Jenkins,” said I, “before any thing passes  
“ let me intrust you with a most important  
“ secret. The marquis of —— is alive  
“ and well, and not far from this place.”  
The poor man at these words was full of  
mingled astonishment and delight, and  
looking wildly upon us all, he soon discov-  
ered the well-known features of his  
honoured master under his disguise. Im-  
mediately prostrating himself at his feet,  
he hugged his knees, crying out, “ Oh !  
“ my dear long-lost lord—do I behold  
“ your face once more—this is indeed a  
“ surprize.—Mysterious Providence ! how  
“ hast thou effected it—and how have  
“ you, my honoured master, escaped from  
“ the poverty and distress that surrounded  
“ you ?” The marquis in the mean time  
raised his faithful servant with every token  
of the warmest friendship, and even

melted into tears at these sincere testimonies of his affection. It was some time before the honest fellow could overcome the extravagance of his astonishment and joy, and the marquis was anxiously minute in his enquiries about every branch of the noble family.

“ AND now, my dear sir,” continued Jenkins, addressing himself to me, “ in return for the mighty blessing you have bestowed upon me, I will introduce a person you value, who has arrived here but three days before you.” Upon this he stepped out and returned with my faithful James, who was so overcome with the sight of us, that he could hardly support himself. The fidelity of this worthy creature and his sudden appearance threw down all distinction, and we received him with the utmost affection. He informed

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us that the general, at his return to Jamaica, had expedited him from thence with great goodness upon his shewing him my orders, and that all our friends there were inconsolable with him at the tidings of our defeat and death, and proportionably delighted when the flag of truce brought news of our safety and recovery ; that he came home in a man of war, had all our things safe at the duke's, and that the worthy commander had, in friendship to us, shewed him great civilities during the passage.

THE marquis was now introduced to his brother-in-law's chamber, there to stay in security attended only by his Jenkins, till we set out for Brome-hall, which we could not do, though mad with impatience to get there, before we had waited upon our superiors, and discharged our obligations

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to the court of Spain. We were received with much honour by the ministry and the secretary at war, who granted us licence to go into the country as long as we pleased in return for the dangers we had encountered ; and upon our representation a Spanish major and captain were released and sent home in our room. Every one caressed us, and the duke's friends crowded to his house to congratulate our arrival ; but more particularly the earl, his countess and my friend the viscount, whose joy was without bounds when he first saw me. Lady Charlotte was at Brome-hall with our family, and these noble persons proposed going in a few weeks to spend some days with his grace in his solitude, as they called it, and to survey the rural scenes which they had heard so extremely applauded.

CHAPTER XIV.

*Jenkins communicates to us an interesting discovery—Our present happiness—We set out for Brome-hall.*

WE were now ready to depart to the delightful seat where all our pains and toils should be rewarded, when one morning the honest Jenkins came into my apartment as I was dressing myself, with an air so grave and yet a countenance so full of satisfaction, that it immediately struck me with some degree of surprize. “What is the news, my friend,” cried I, “some what sits upon thy face to day, that be-“ speaks pleasure and importance at the“ same instant — have we got letters from“ Brome-hall?”

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To these enquiries he made no direct reply, but advancing, suddenly seized my hand, and kissing it with extreme emotion, looked for some time with a wild fondness in my face. At length he broke out,

“ Oh ! my dear young master ! you that  
“ have made us all supremely happy—  
“ whose life has been one continued act of  
“ benevolence to your friends and fellow  
“ creatures—shall I suffer you to have any  
“ sorrow at your heart ?—No, I cannot  
“ bear the thought—Shall you, sir, who  
“ have made happy the marchioness and  
“ her noble family ; who return to us my  
“ honoured lord, the marquis, whom we  
“ had long numbered with those who are at  
“ rest in the arms of death ; whose every  
“ look and accent inspires peace and com-  
“ fort, shall I suffer you to be tortured by  
“ any latent uneasiness, when it is in my  
“ power

“ power to breathe content and ease to  
“ your bosom, and transport to your  
“ noble soul !”

THE poor creature seemed so agitated with what he came to perform, that here he was obliged to pause, while his eyes continued to wander over me with an inconceivable delight, and, as to my part, I was fixed immovably where I stood, full of impatience for an explanation of what appeared to me so extraordinary ; nor, in the hurry of my ideas, which whirled round to every circumstance of my life, and recalled past scenes with amazing celerity, could I fix on any thing on which to ground my conceptions of what was to succeed.

THUS, for some minutes, we stood like statues, when at length the worthy man again recovered speech, and went on—  
“ Oh ! sir, think on a circumstance that

“ may

“ may happen—nay that will happen—  
“ that will cure all your griefs, and bless  
“ every succeeding moment of your life—  
“ Think, sir, if you could behold your  
“ excellent parents—whose thoughts you  
“ have ever filled—what transport would  
“ fire your breast ! Go, sir, to Brome-hall,  
“ and there you will find restored to you  
“ that honoured father and mother—the  
“ only satisfaction that remains to complete  
“ your felicity.”

OH ! gracious heaven ! was it possible  
to express what I felt at hearing this—my  
bosom swelled with rapture inconceivable  
—my whole frame was agitated by name-  
less struggling passions—I fell back into a  
chair that stood behind me, and remained  
insensible for some minutes, quite overcome  
with the blessed tidings, and when I recov-  
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vered, tears only expressed my sensibility. Jenkins, in the mean time, upon his knees begged my pardon for thus surprizing me — pleading his good design — to hinder a greater surprize — and his ambition to be the first imparter of these good tidings. I raised him, and tenderly embracing him, called him my better genius — my guardian angel, and told him he had made me the happiest mortal breathing. “ Oh ! my friend,” I continued, “ to see once more those dear persons, to enjoy untainted their conversation and friendship, to be perpetually displaying to them my filial duty and reverence, to lighten the weight of every care and misfortune, and to impart to them of the substance Providence has bestowed upon me ! — And Oh ! my Jenkins — my divine

“ Harriet

“ Harriet will assist me, to smooth and  
“ soften my remaining days! Gracious  
“ powers! what scenes of real transport!”

Jenkins was here going to interrupt me, when the marquis and captain Hammerton entered the chamber, quite surprised at not having yet seen me, and fearing I had been attacked by some sudden indisposition.

THE minute I saw them, I ran towards them with an air of the utmost satisfaction, crying, “ My dear lord, you have heard my story, you have heard me often lament the loss of my parents, whose characters you have expressed yourself pleased with, those worthy parents, my lord, are alive, are now at Brome-hall, and I shall soon behold their beloved faces.” At these words the marquis strained me in his arms, and shewed, as much as he could by words and actions, how he interested himself in  
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what so intimately concerned me ; and Hammerton was quite wild with joy, and in his vivacious way said, " Well, my friend, nothing sure could happen so fortunately, and now, as we shall see all we can desire to see when we get into Northumberland, I believe me must lay an embargo upon all sighs and tears, many of which have proceeded from your melancholy remembrances, not unnoticed by me, and intimately regretted, and I shall not be taken up so short when I endeavour to chace away your gloom, with my merry remarks." " No, Harry, I returned, all is now calm and peaceable within, I bow to your just reproofs, and will offend no more.

" BUT, my dear Jenkins, turning again to him, must you still preserve that mysterious

“ sterious silence in regard to these much  
“ loved persons, and must I still be a  
“ stranger to the reasons of their with-  
“ drawing from Northumberland, which,  
“ I more than suspect, you are very well  
“ acquainted with ? Do, finish your good-  
“ natured design, and let me understand  
“ the mysteries in which I have been in-  
“ volved, and which for so many years I  
“ have not been able to pervade.” “ Ah !  
“ Sir,” he replied, “ my respect and reve-  
“ rence for your great and good father  
“ will still tie up my tongue, and I must  
“ leave to him and your excellent mother  
“ what you so earnestly desire to know ;  
“ in the mean time to make you more  
“ completely bleffed, and to impart yet  
“ more satisfaction to my lord marquis in  
“ this interesting discovery, somewhat re-  
“ mains

“ mains which I cannot dispense myself  
“ from divulging. Prepare, sir, to act in  
“ that elevated sphere nature designed you  
“ for, and as you have, by every action of  
“ your life, testified the illustrious descent  
“ from which you are derived. Know,  
“ my dear young lord, (but I will leave  
“ the explanation to my honoured lord  
“ your father) that you are the son to the  
“ earl and countess of ——, and my  
“ lord marquis and lady marchioness are  
“ your uncle and aunt.” This was indeed  
new matter for wonder, that absorbed all  
my faculties, and once more robbed me of  
my voice.

THE marquis, as much struck as I was,  
remained some minutes mute, whilst I  
flung myself on my knees before him. At  
length he cried, “ Oh! my dear nephew  
“ — is

“ — is it possible ! yes it must be so — I  
“ felt for you, the first minute I saw you,  
“ the tenderness of a relation—’tis won-  
“ derful all—’tis miraculous ! rise, my  
“ son—my every thing—let cavillers no  
“ longer dispute the immediate interposition  
“ of Providence in human events—let this  
“ convince—without its aid these things  
“ had never been.” Oh ! sir, I now had  
“ power to cry—my uncle—my father—  
“ this is happiness extreme—this is a re-  
“ ward for an age of suffering ! Gracious  
“ powers ! look down and help me to  
“ preserve my senses, in this profusion—  
“ this enthusiasm of delight.” We em-  
braced with an emotion that can only be  
felt, never described. Harry partook of  
this enchanting discovery, with his usual  
tokens of friendship ; once more I pressed  
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my Jenkins to my heart—ten thousand times repeated my acknowledgments !  
“ And does my lovely Harriet,” I cried,  
“ at length know that I am worthy of her  
“ affection—does my dear lord William—  
“ still I must call him by that name—  
“ know that I have a natural right to his  
“ friendship ! Oh ! transcendent heavenly  
“ enjoyment ! Ah ! my Jenkins, in this pro-  
“ fusion of bliss I can easily excuse all  
“ your former taciturnity, and now, me-  
“ thinks, begin to apprehend in some  
“ measure the reason of all these conceal-  
“ ments. The name you have bestowed  
“ upon me too plainly indicates how un-  
“ happy my parents have been ; but as I  
“ know my father’s present sentiments, I  
“ am sure he remembers, without pain, the  
“ rank he has forfeited, and for my part,

“ I have reaped such transcendent happiness under my present name and character, that I shall assume another with regret.” “ My dear lord,” he replied, flinging himself on his knees and kissing my hand with the utmost reverence, “ now I have restored you to yourself, let me beseech you to pardon any thing that might seem disrespectful in my past behaviour to you. I acted by the instructions of my lord, your father, who, but that many things happened that rendered it impossible, intended to keep your illustrious rank a secret to you for ever, for reasons which when he acquaints you with, you cannot fail of applauding.”

I RAISED him, and again and again testified my obligations to him, and promised him my perpetual friendship and esteem ; and now Harry, with a solemnity quite unusual

unusual to him, also hoped I would forgive him for any omissions in his duty and respect to me, and added, " My lord, I  
" ever thought that vast superiority you  
" had over me, and that awe I was ever  
" inspired with in your presence, in our  
" most early years, had somewhat very  
" extraordinary in it ; but the mystery is  
" out, and I now perceive that true nobi-  
" lity, accompanied by honour and virtue,  
" will always dictate homage, and attract  
" the humblest attachment." " My dear  
" friend," I replied, " we will never live  
" otherwise together than we have always  
" done, you shall be still my good-natured,  
" merry and obliging Harry Hammerton;  
" nor will I be any thing else than your  
" faithful friend and comrade George  
" Maitland." Meanwhile the marquis,  
who had been musing for some time,

joined the conversation, and said, “ I have  
“ been, my lord, reflecting on the supe-  
“ rior conduct of your father, who since  
“ the unhappy period of our common  
“ misfortune, has, by laying aside all am-  
“ bitious and heated resentments, for so  
“ many years enjoyed that calmness and  
“ ease of which my too violent temper  
“ has so cruelly robbed myself and my  
“ family. But, it is now over, and by  
“ his sage precepts, and the society of our  
“ other worthy relations, I hope to reap  
“ the utmost future felicity, and to become  
“ entirely a reasonable creature.”

We were obliged still to defer our de-  
parture for some days after this discovery ;  
and then, all things being prepared, one  
fine morning we set out for Brome-hall to  
complete our happiness.

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CHAPTER XV.

*Arrives at squire Hammerton's—Joy of that family—Lord William comes over—Our meeting—We depart all together for Brome-hall—Our precautions—A tender scene—Restore the marquis to his family—Mutually relate our adventures.*

NEVER were mortals more expeditious, four days brought us to the desired spot. Our journey was beguiled by the vivacity which our gladness of heart inspired; but our exultation did not prevent our taking the necessary precautions to conceal the marquis; and we agreed that it would be most proper to go first to the Holm, and to send over lord William, and

take his advice as to our future management, before we went over to Brome-hall. When we were arrived pretty near Harry's native seat, we dismounted, and, leaving our horses with my trusty James, proceeded on foot to the house. Our appearance, for our dress was scarlet and gold, soon alarmed the straggling servants, and we descried their master and mistress at the door before we reached it, little suspecting who were their visitants.

BUT as soon as we were near enough, their son explained the mystery, by advancing eagerly to his mother, and flinging himself upon his knees before her. Imagine the joy of a mother and father, who had not seen an only son for so many years, and now regained him with so many visible advantages. It was some moments before they

they could part with him from their embraces, to take notice of us ; they then received me with almost equal tokens of affection, telling me, I had been the guardian and protector of their family, and addressed the marquis with the reverence and respect, which his mein and deportment evidently challenged. When their first endearments were a little satisfied, we began to talk of our mutual affairs, and Mr. Hammerton, thinking I was ignorant of what had happened at Brome-hall, told me, a great happiness awaited me, which he did not think himself at liberty to impart ; but when I knew it, he hoped I would forgive any want of respect, of which at any time he had inadvertently been guilty. The worthy couple were every minute gazing fondly at their son and me, and indeed, except our

fwarthy complexion, we were rather improved in our persons, since our departure.

WHEN we had taken a little refreshment, seeing first that the door was secure, I told them who they had the honour of having under their roof, adding that my great respect and confidence in their friendship, had induced me to trust them with so important a secret, as well as with the care of the marquis's person, till he could go to Brome-hall. Their surprize was very great; but recovering himself, Mr. Hammerton said, " Oh ! sir, you oblige me highly, in  
" putting it into my power to serve a no-  
" bleman, whose family is so dear to me,  
" and to whom I have so many obliga-  
" tions—I will answer with my life, for  
" his security."

THE marquis returned his thanks in the politest terms, and now we agreed that the

squire

squire should ride over to Brome-hall, as if casually and bring lord William to us, acquainting him by degrees of our arrival, that he might not be too much surprized. He brought my friend in a few hours, the plan was executed, and my friend alighted at the gate, full of impatience to see me, our satisfaction was unbounded, and it was a long space before we could be ourselves, so much as to return regular answers to mutual enquiries, which were themselves made without any order or coherence—he then also, received our friend Harry with abundance of affection, saying, “ Now am I perfectly happy; I have recovered the two supports of my life.”

THE marquis was all this time in another room, and I had resolved not to mention him, till it came out in the course of our

adventures, of which I knew this amiable friend would demand the relation. But first he let me know that he got safe to England, and rejoined his family, who were all transported to see him ; but that my Harriet had been plunged in the deepest melancholy at my long absence, and the news of our being prisoners ; that the match between him and lady Charlotte, had been agreed upon by their parents, but he deferred it till he heard of me, hoping that I might soon arrive to be partaker of his felicity, and that a double marriage might put us both in the same state, " For " my dear friend," he continued, " the " duke and dutchess, as well as the mar- " chionefs, are now acquainted with your " love for our cousin, and equally long " for the happy moment of your union ; " nay,

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“ faces at Brome-hall, and taste more joy  
“ than ever you did before.” “ Ah, my  
“ lord,” I cried, “ our faithful Jenkins  
“ has prepared me for it all—I long to see  
“ my father and mother, and am tran-  
“ sported to think that my birth makes me  
“ still more worthy of your friendship.”

Upon this, he once more took me into his  
arms, crying, “ And do you know it, my  
“ excellent cousin—then let this embrace  
“ congratulate you, and at the same time,  
“ assure you, that you was before as dear  
“ to me, as ever you can be; though the  
“ circumstance of our near relation is a  
“ very tender one.”

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all that had happened since our separation,  
which I did as briefly as possible; but when

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I came to the discovery of his uncle, never could any delight equal his, and not suffering me to continue my narrative a moment longer, he cried out, “ O where is this “ noble uncle, let me—O let me see him “ immediately.”—The marquis, who heard every word, opened the door of the apartment, where he was concealed, and taking his nephew in his arms, said in a broken and interrupted voice, “ Ah my lord— “ your uncle has long been a stranger to “ your great merit; he hopes now to live “ in the constant enjoyment of it!” My friend received his caresses with the utmost reverence, and said, “ Now, indeed, we “ shall be every way happy—Providence “ has blessed us all in a wonderful man- “ ner;” and some time after, turning to me and captain Hammerton, “ We owe  
“ this

“ this favour under God, gentlemen, to  
“ you, and we will ever bear it in remem-  
“ brance. Let us all go over to Brome-  
“ hall: I will go before you, and prepare  
“ the family for your reception; but my  
“ lord marquis must be introduced pri-  
“ vately to my apartment, where he will  
“ be secure and retired, till it be proper to  
“ acquaint our friends with his arrival.”

We acquiesced in all his proposals, and getting our horses ready, rode with him a few miles, when he put forward with a brisk pace, and left us to follow very slowly, to give him time for the desired preparation. We enjoyed the country now, every step we rode—no more regrets or misfortunes dwelt upon our mind; and the marquis himself, seemed thoroughly to relish his return to his native skies, though a sigh would now and

and then escape him, at his nearness to the dear, long-lost objects of his affection.

As soon as we discovered the well known turrets of Brome-hall, we made towards a cottage, where lord William had appointed to join us, who soon came, and taking the marquis by the hand, said, " My dear lord, " suffer me to make you a prisoner for a " little time; I hope soon to release you!" Saying this, he conducted him, by a private way, to our old apartments, and returned, in a very little time again to us, when we proceeded to the gate, which was flung open to receive us, and I discovered in the great hall, all those dear persons waiting, whose images were so imprinted in my mind.

I FLUNG myself from my horse, and losing all notion of ceremony, in my impatience,

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ran directly to the spot. But then I was so divided between filial reverence on one side, and love and gratitude on the other, that I knew not where to begin my respects. My dear father relieved me from this tender embarrassment, by stepping forward, and straining me in his loved embrace ; the duke succeeded him—Nothing but “ dear “ adored son !—much loved, honoured fa-“ ther !—excellent youth !—my gracious “ lord !” were the words that resounded through the hall.—My mother wept over me, the marchioness, the dutchess, and lady Charlotte, were equally affected, and my fair one was obliged to be supported, or she had fallen at the sight of me. Good God ! how can words paint this moving scene ! Reader, if thou hast a soft, sympathizing heart, thou must feel all that a son,

a lover

a lover felt at this instant. I ran from one to the other, I fell on my knees before them—I was mad—I was frantic with joy and tenderness—I flung my arms round my fair one, I kissed those ruby lips,—I pressed the heaving, panting bosom, to mine—I embraced the knees of the honoured dutchess, I hung upon the neck of my mother, and the marchioness, and it was an hour before we could be composed enough to act with any degree of calmness—it was all an extravagant enthusiasm of delight ! Hammerton succeeded to his share of their notice, and was received as the son of a valued friend—as the companion of their adored children, in all their toils and perils. We then adjourned to the duke's apartment, my eyes, wild with fondness, running over my Harriet—my father, my mother !

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mother! The day was too short for our mutual endearments, we were employed by them till the next dawn of morning, which carried us at length to repose, the most happy, the most contented people in the universe.

We made the marquis, before we went to rest, as happy as ourselves in the relation of what had passed, and as he was impatient to come in for his share of our bliss—we determined the next day, to restore him to his family. When I arose, I went to all the dear persons apartments, we renewed our endearments, and were able a little to converse together—my fair one and I repeated our tender vows; I was recognized as the son of the E— of ——, and their dear relation, by the duke, the dutchess, and the marchioness; and lord

William

William joining me, we desired his grace, and my father, to give us a private audience, which they immediately granted us.

HAVING accordingly withdrawn, I addressed them in these words, “ My dear, “ my honoured fathers—still something “ seems wanting to the perfect satisfaction “ of our families—you still mourn an absent brother, in the marquis of—; but “ Providence has also at length, restored “ him to you. He has, through every “ danger of discovery, ventured his person “ under your roof, my lord duke, and waits “ now to share your embraces; he is returned rich—but has no taste of happiness till he sees you.” Had the voice of an angel been heard, it could not have been more grateful to their ears, and lord William having retired when I began to speak,

speak, entered with his uncle into the room. No ill will, no animosity was remembered, and the three noble lords mingled their tears and their embraces together. The marquis related his story, he confessed his errors, and it was agreed the duke should use his interest at court, for his continuing in safety at home.

MEAN time lord William was preparing my mother and the dutchess, for the reception of the joyful intelligence, and I, going into the marchioness's apartment, cried, " Oh my dear aunt!—my lovely " charmer! we want only one person more " to dry up all our tears." " Alas!" re- turned the marchioness, " this is an in- " crease of happiness I fear we must never " expect; your uncle too surely is no " more!" Here the tears trickled down her

her cheeks, and my fair one's eyes began to moisten.—After some pause, “ Prepare yourselves, dear ladies,” I returned, “ for other thoughts—you have consented “ to bless me—you have encouraged my “ ardent affection—can you think any “ thing impossible to love and gratitude, “ like mine? No, my worthy uncle re- “ turned with me to England from the “ West-Indies, and will soon call for the “ just testimonies, of the affection of a “ dearly beloved wife and amiable daugh- “ ter.”

THE improbability of what I said, was upon this occasion of service, to moderate the joy of these ladies; perceiving which, I at length ventured to tell them, that he was in the house, and that the duke was bringing him to their apartment. In fact

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he entered, as soon as these words were out of my mouth, followed by all the rest of the noble personages. I think I never saw him look so venerable, and at the same time so affectionate as on this occasion. What I felt myself, at my first interview with these friends, methought fell short of the tender scene, that was now exhibited, which language cannot describe. I was regarded by every one, as the author of so great a blessing, and received such endearing caresses from them, as gave the last finish to my felicity ; particularly my adorable Harriet, at every glance, gladdened my soul, with the lively sensibility her eyes conveyed.

WE left the transported and noble pair together, and retiring I met my old friend Kelly, with whom I had as yet, had little opportunity to converse. He took my hand

hand in his, and was going to speak, when I prevented him, by crying out, " Ah !  
" my old father—the origin of all my pre-  
" sent felicity—how shall I express the  
" gladness of my heart, in finding you  
" alive and well ! Every day of my absence,  
" I have recalled your goodness to mind—  
" who, under Providence, art the author  
" of all these wonderful events. It shall  
" be the future study of my life, to display  
" my gratitude towards you, and I hope  
" now, soon to see you in the arms of the  
" excellent Mrs. Willis, who is capable  
" of making you supremely happy, and  
" me too, by the pleasure it will give me,  
" to see two such valued friends so closely  
" united." The old gentleman, after wiping away the tears of joy, which stood in his eyes, returned, " My dear lord, God  
" so

“ so—nothing can equal my present satis-  
“ faction—why I knew you could be no  
“ other than a nobleman—yes, yes, God  
“ so, old Kelly can see as far into a mill-  
“ stone as another person — well, well,  
“ thank God for all things, you deserve  
“ all the honours you receive — I must  
“ hear all thy adventures one time or other  
“ —and the wonderful discovery of my  
“ lord marquis—never was any thing so  
“ strange—God so—I shall run wild with  
“ delight—well, and thou wilt think then,  
“ of the old man—that always loved thee  
“ —yes, yes, I shall marry Willis—I love  
“ her, and she loves me—but if I have no  
“ children—you shall have all I die worth  
“ —after our decease—no small matter  
“ neither—God so—I have been a saving  
“ man—very thrifty indeed—I have now

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“ no relation unprovided for—Hetty has  
“ Beagle, I think—I gave her a good  
“ penny for her fortune—but they live  
“ but so so, I believe—very indifferently  
“ truly—I cannot help it—I did all for  
“ the best.” At this, being quite out of  
breath, I had liberty to put in, with con-  
gratulations on his niece’s marriage, and  
was indeed quite charmed to see my old  
friend look so well, and talk so briskly.

FOR several days open house was kept  
at Brome-hall, nothing but rejoicing re-  
sounded through the neighbouring villages,  
and every one came to pay their respects to  
the new comers.

WE related our several adventures to  
each other, and gave thanks to God for  
their happy conclusion, and I understood,  
the old lord, the father of my mother and  
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the marchioness, was deceased, leaving them co-heirs to a very opulent fortune, willing by that means to atone for his former unnatural behaviour.

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## CHAPTER XVI.

*My father's discourse to me—His reasons for his former conduct—Our happiness—The duke departs for London—We visit my seat in Fifeshire—Interview with my fair one—Beagle's match with Miss Kelly—We visit our old farm—Mr. Hammerton's and Sprat's return to Brome-hall.—The duke, &c. arrive from London.*

I HAD yet had no opportunity to be alone with my father. For, though I often courted a private conversation, yet my time was so much engrossed by the company of our friends in general, that it was impossible to retire for a minute, even with my charming Harriet. One morning, however,

however, he got up sooner than usual, and coming into our chamber, he told us, we should oblige him by rising, as he wanted a little conversation with us. We instantly complied with his request, and he addressed himself to us, as follows :

“ My dear son, my excellent nephew,  
“ you are both strangers to some parts of  
“ my former conduct that must have ap-  
“ peared very mysterious to you, consider-  
“ ing the discoveries that have since been  
“ made. You, no doubt, think it strange,  
“ that for such a number of years, I  
“ should have been able to live the private  
“ life of a rural swain, and superlatively  
“ happy in the calm and peaceful partici-  
“ pation of domestic enjoyments, with a  
“ woman who had ever the sole sway over  
“ my soul, and whose life and happiness

“ included every thing dear and valuable  
“ to me. Ah ! my children, think not  
“ that the discovery of my quality gives  
“ me pleasure, further than as it has  
“ restored me to my worthy friends and  
“ relations. No, I regret the innocent  
“ sweets I have lost, and could again wish  
“ to retire to the undistinguished state of  
“ life which I have been obliged to quit.  
“ There, all my disquiets were hushed and  
“ stilled, every one treated me with honest  
“ simplicity and truth, no flatterer poisoned  
“ my ears, no dissentions nor turmoils  
“ kept my anxious thoughts awake. In-  
“ dustrious labour employed my days, and  
“ sound sleep crowned my quiet nights.  
“ But I see you are impatient for what I  
“ promised you, and I shall therefore  
“ detain you no longer from my story,  
“ that

“ that you may have no suspicions that  
“ the concealments I have observed to  
“ you, were from want of confidence, or  
“ affection. I have, long since, informed  
“ his grace, and all our family of it; and  
“ waited but your arrival to impart it to  
“ you.

“ You must know then, that I was  
“ drawn into the rebellion, during his  
“ late majesty’s reign, by the arts of  
“ many designing men, who took me at an  
“ unguarded hour, and made me act con-  
“ trary to my knowledge, my conscience,  
“ and my allegiance. I was soon sensible  
“ of my unhappy mistake; but it was too  
“ late to return to my duty, when my re-  
“ pentance would be scorned and suspec-  
“ ted. I was forced therefore to persist  
“ to the fatal period, of that wretched af-

“ fair, by which I became attainted, and  
“ lost my paternal estates, which were not  
“ inconsiderable.

“ I HAD saved from the wreck of my  
“ fortunes, about 6000l. I was too much  
“ of a philosopher, and too happy in your  
“ mother, to regret, with severity, the loss  
“ of my title and fortune; for indeed,  
“ love, retirement, and study, were always  
“ the principal bents of my soul. I re-  
“ solved therefore to separate myself from  
“ the world, and make myself no longer the  
“ slave of ambition, or the dupe of politics.  
“ With this view I studied to conceal my-  
“ self, alike from friend and foe, and was  
“ so successful, that I eluded every search,  
“ or enquiry, by various changes of situ-  
“ ation and disguises, and at length found  
“ out the happy retreat where you was  
“ born.

“ born. By employing myself in farming  
“ and grazing, I lived unsuspected, and at  
“ the same time, had a view of making a  
“ future provision for my family. Your  
“ mother being entirely of my sentiments,  
“ soon forgot her late splendid character  
“ and fortune, and determined, with me,  
“ to educate the children Providence  
“ should bless us with, in total ignorance  
“ of our former condition. Upon these  
“ principles then, we brought you up,  
“ and ever with concern, observed your  
“ curious enquiries, and those doubts your  
“ growing reason, from the hints we now  
“ and then accidentally let fall, involved  
“ you in. Thus we lived happily, pleased  
“ with your amiable qualities, your pro-  
“ ficiency in virtuous endowments; un-  
“ known to any but the good Jenkins,

“ who not being able to find his master,  
“ engaged in my service, and with whom  
“ I could safely, from my former know-  
“ ledge of him, trust myself and schemes.  
“ To this you may ascribe my trouble  
“ when the duke visited us, and my leaving  
“ you to receive her grace, knowing she  
“ well remembered, both me and your  
“ mother, and that her kindness would  
“ render my quiet life impossible. But  
“ length of time, and alteration of dress,  
“ and circumstances, had so altered us,  
“ that we afterwards often saw them with-  
“ out being recognized, though they fre-  
“ quently, I know, imagined they had  
“ seen us before, and that from our man-  
“ ners, and your education, we were of a  
“ rank superior to that in which we ap-  
“ peared.”

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“ WHEN this young lord first entered a friendship for you,—you was seen and liked by his father and mother, and in consequence went to reside at Brome-hall, I must own I altered a little my sentiments. I was ambitious you should embrace that honour, and began to form flattering schemes of future fortune, and establishment for you. Your capacity, your judgment, and the amiable nobleness of your soul, told me it would be cruel to with-hold from you the advantages you were likely to be partaker of, and I sincerely hoped that his grace, as I afterwards advised, would destine you to the army. For after you was engaged in the service of his majesty, and had some connection with the present government, I thought I might with

“ safety let you into my story. When it  
“ was suspected that my brother in law,  
“ the marquis, was in these parts, I had  
“ intelligence by the means of Jenkins,  
“ that I was also in some danger, from the  
“ spies that were spread abroad, and, as I  
“ always held it as a maxim, not to tempt  
“ the most remote danger, I resolved to  
“ quit my abode, which I accordingly did.  
“ We have ever since lived in the north  
“ riding of Yorkshire, in perfect security,  
“ frequently hearing all that passed in the  
“ duke’s family, from Jenkins, and re-  
“ joicing in the progress you made in your  
“ military fortune; yet sincerely touched  
“ with your going to the West Indies,  
“ since which time our fears for you have  
“ scarcely permitted us a moment’s ease. I  
“ have been fortunate enough since your  
“ departure,

“ departure, to have it in my power to give  
“ some useful intelligence to the ministry  
“ of an intended invasion; in return for  
“ which, my gracious sovereign has per-  
“ mitted my abode in England undisturbed,  
“ and the enjoyment of a pension out of  
“ my estate, the obtaining of which, of  
“ consequence discovered us to the noble  
“ family at Brome-hall, where we have re-  
“ sided ever since. When you formerly  
“ described the ladies you accidentally met  
“ —we had some suspicion that it was the  
“ marchioness and her daughter, who we  
“ thought might be in the neighbourhood,  
“ which was the reason of those unguarded  
“ exclamations of your mother’s, that so  
“ surprized you, and it was with grief we  
“ could not, consistently with our designs,  
“ know the truth of their residing near

“ us, that we might be able to succour  
“ them. And thus, my beloved son, I have  
“ explained every thing that appeared mys-  
“ terious in my conduct, and bless God that  
“ we are all so supremely happy, and so like  
“ to continue.”

I RECEIVED this account from my father with admiration at his sagacity and prudence, and with tears deplored his sufferings; but applauded his sentiments, and promised always to adopt them as my own.

NOTHING could equal the felicity we now enjoyed on all sides, at Brome-hall. Love tuned our souls to harmony, and friendship's clearing ray enlivened every hour. Nothing seemed wanting but an assurance of the marquis's safety, to obtain which, the duke proposed to set out for London, to solicit in his favour. Nor did he imagine his

his request would be denied, as the marquis had never since his exile, disturbed the peace of his country, and has been particularly kind to the English prisoners, both in America and Spain, which many of them now in England, would be glad to testify.

HE therefore departed with my father, promising to return with the earl of —, and then to complete our felicity, by uniting us to our charming mistresses, who had given their consent to make us happy, and to which all the other parties had agreed. During their absence, we went on a visit to my estate in Fife, the bequest of my friend, the deceased marquis, whose loss his parents yet bewailed, and which frequently drew sighs from all our bosoms. I now took posession of it in form, and, as

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a testimony of my respect for the memory of the donor, I ordered a beautiful statue of that young nobleman, carved by a masterly hand, to be placed at the upper end of the principal avenue to the garden, with a proper inscription, and had his picture copied from the dutchess's original, painted for the anti-chamber, which drew abundance of endearing thanks from the whole family. We staid here near a week, enjoying the pleasant scenes that surrounded us, and my mother took such a fancy to the situation, that I insisted we should all persuade my father, to take up his future residence at this elegant seat.

HERE, one fine evening, I had the long-wished-for opportunity of being some hours alone with my adorable Harriet, in one of the beautiful summer retreats, in a grove near

near our house, and prostrating myself at her feet, once again poured out my soul before her, and, in return, received the softest and most delightful assurances of her unalterable affection. We mutually hailed the blissful moments, that lagged too slowly towards us, which were to put me in possession of such an invaluable treasure, and to crown my earthly felicity.

AND here the young marquis, with his lovely Charlotte, frequently indulged such envied privacies, as tune the heart to rapture ; whilst the marquis and marchioness, spent their time no less agreeably, leaving squire Hammerton and his lady, and their son, to entertain the dutchess and my mother. In short, the hours passed away so pleasingly, that it was with regret, on all sides, we quitted the enchanting spot.

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IN our return to Brome-hall, we were elegantly entertained at Beagle's, by him and his spouse, the late Miss Esther Kelly, who I could perceive, notwithstanding his large fortune, were already become mutual plagues and burthens to each other. This modish match, had been made up during her abode at Brome-hall, with her uncle, who, having a matrimonial design upon Mrs. Willis, chose to get her off his hands at the expence of a large sum of money. The squire was ever after the chace, whilst madam, coquetted and gallanted at all the neighbouring towns and seats. They seemed both to have so little taste of true happiness, that I could not help thinking, he was now sufficiently punished for his former injuries to my family, and the debaucheries into which he had led the young marquis.

marquis. However, they behaved very respectfully to their guests, and at the dutchess's desire went over and spent two or three days with us at Brome-hall.

My mother having an inclination to take a tour also to our old, and ever remembered farm, we accompanied her thither; for she had never, in my absence, had strength of mind sufficient to visit the well known spot, where she had enjoyed such untainted happiness. The sight drew tears from her eyes. We found the late possessor was then on his death bed, which shortened our stay; but we took up one night's lodging with our affectionate neighbours, who testified, every way in their ability, the pleasure they had in beholding us; and having a design in my head, I wrote over to Kelly, of the sickness of the farmer at our

our house, and besought him, in case he died, not to dispose of the farm till I saw him, resolving to propose it for the worthy Jenkins's future abode.

FROM hence we went, by squire Hamerton's invitation, to the Holm, where we were more commodiously entertained for two or three days, and where he and his lady and son strove to make us welcome. The young marquis, Harry, myself, and my fair one, with the lovely lady Charlotte, paid a visit also from hence to Mr. Sprat's, who with his wife was quite transported at the sight of us, and they and their little family appeared like the pictures of Plenty and Innocence. Lady Charlotte, to whom this part of the country was new, was quite charmed with it, and when we shewed her the old church, the parsonage house,

house, where we had been educated, and the poor doctor's monument, she could not help exclaiming, "Why, gentlemen, sure never was any place so formed to inspire melancholy and devotion. These venerable ruins seem to be the haunts of goblins and spectres, whilst the wide-spreading lawns and meads around them, are calculated for the gambols of the light-footed fairies and their little elves."

This reflection made us all smile, remembering the late possessor of the vicarage, whose brains had been so replete with such ideas, and the story of laying his diabolical highness so many years since, which all the neighbourhood still talked off, and was the favourite narration for their children. We left tokens of our liberality with the poor cottagers in the vicinity,

vicinity, many of whom remembered us, and took a dinner at farmer Oates's, bestowing handsome gratuities on his servants, as we did on those of Sprat, whom with his wife we took to Brome-hall, where they were highly caressed by my mother and the rest of the company, and went home again loaded with presents and perfectly happy. We all insisted that the squire and his family should return with us to Brome-hall, and not leave us till the completion of our approaching nuptials. We arrived there highly charmed with our tour, and eagerly expecting the return of our friends from London.

IN a fortnight after the duke and my father returned, and brought with them the earl, his son, and the countess, to our great joy, and a permission from the ministry

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stry for the marquis's residence in England, obtained by the joint interest of his grace and that excellent nobleman. Soon after their arrival, all the proper settlements being drawn and executed, the happy day that was to unite lord William and lady Charlotte, and me and my fair one, was appointed, and the worthy curate of Holy Island, now vicar of —, and chaplain to his grace, repaired to Bromehall, to perform the ceremony.

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## CHAPTER XVII.

*Marriages of me and my friend—Of Hamerton and Kelly—Provide for Sinclair, Jenkins, &c.—Our delightful situation—Conclusion.*

AT length the wished-for hour was told, and leading our lovely creatures to the apartment consecrated to the holy ceremony, blushing like the morning rose, they were given to us for life, and our full hearts received the charming presents made us, with inexpressible rapture, from the hands of their excellent parents ; and now our joys were complete, and we had in each other all that we had so long sighed for. Blessed hour ! that in making my adored

adored Harriet mine, imparted to me the highest felicity that human nature is capable of receiving, the tender endearments of chaste and virtuous affection!

*Ob! woman! lovely woman! nature form'd you  
To temper man---we had been brutes without you!*

WE had reaped the felicities of our union scarce a week, before our friend Hammerton fell into the same soft captivity; for having conceived an affection for a young lady, a cousin of lady Charlotte's, who accompanied her mother to Brome-hall, and engaged, by his assiduities and his merit, a suitable return, we jointly besought the earl, her uncle, to give her to his wishes. That nobleman generously made reply, that he would refuse nothing that was asked of him at a place where he had tasted so much satisfaction, and to the entreaties

entreties of persons so dear to him. Nor had he the least objection either to the behaviour or fortune of Captain Hammerton. The squire and his wife were almost beside themselves, at this addition to their happiness, and their alliance to such noble families, and gave their consent the moment it was desired. She had a fortune of 4000l. in her own possession, which, however, the amorous Harry settled entirely on her and her issue, and his father immediately surrendered to him the half of his estate. Another week of festivity was the consequence of these agreements, and Kelly having obtained leave of their graces to espouse Mrs. Willis, the two couple were married together, by our worthy vicar. The old steward gamboled to his wedding, dressed in all the finery he was master of, and, after the ceremony was over, caught

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me by the hand, and cried out, "God so,  
" —now I'm myself—Well, off and on,  
" this has been a twenty years courtship  
" too — but, with all her shilly shally  
" tricks, I have hampered my doe at last."  
Then, turning to his bride, " Well,  
" madam, though you change your name,  
" I hope you'll never change your nature  
" —God so, be gentle still—and leave the  
" rest to me—but mum—I'll say no more  
" till night." In short, the honest scribe  
afforded us excellent diversion, his spirits  
were elevated to the highest pitch, he  
looked with fondness every minute upon  
his spouse, and with overflowing gratitude  
continually blessed the company around  
him.

In this humour he imparted to us, that  
he had saved in his place 30,000. and  
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begged the duke's leave to resign his stewardship, that he might enjoy the remains of life, free from the hurry and fatigue of business, which with some difficulty was granted him, and, at our joint requests, the worthy Sinclair, the duke's gentleman, succeeded him, who, by his good sense and abilities, and his long acquaintance with his grace's concerns, was well qualified to exercise the function; and Kelly said to him, "God so, you shall not want advice and assistance, for I can never think of living far from his grace's.—No—no, if I do not see my old people about Brome-hall, now and then, I had as well be buried alive."

WHEN his grace and my father were in London, Jenkins had humbly besought the former, for his leave to deliver up his charge,

charge, alledging that his age and his turn of mind required an absence from the tumult of the town, and that, with the little pittance he had saved, he would endeavour to make the residue of his days easy and happy, in the neighbourhood of his honoured patrons and friends in Northumberland. The duke could not refuse so reasonable a request, and added, to his grant of it a present of a thousand guineas. He now was arrived amongst us, and signifying his inclination not to be entirely idle, was put into my father's farm, vacant by the decease of the late occupier, and I stocked it for him with every thing in profusion, and my friend, the young marquis, added a collection of the choicest authors, for the amusement of his leisure hours; his old master and mistress, the marquis

and marchioness, also gave him noble proofs of their friendship and gratitude. My faithful man James, the companion of our American adventures, having taken to wife a young woman he had courted long since, we provided handsomely for in an adjacent farm to that of Jenkins, and all of us strove to make him amends for those instances of his fidelity, which he had given in my service ; and my lovely bride remembering her former obligations to him, when carried off by Beagle and the late marquis, made him a present of 500l. Thus having answered the calls of gratitude, and rewarded all those who had any ways contributed to our present felicity, we began to enjoy in full transport our engaging situation ; and our parents, perfectly satisfied with the delightful state of our family,

family, had overcome the very memory of their former misfortunes, and all was mirth, gaiety, and untainted pleasure. Each roseate morn smiled with added joys, each waining night gave increase of bliss, which, as it was founded upon love, good sense and virtue, was ever likely to continue.

AND now it became necessary to think of settling ourselves in our several habitations and departments. The duke, who had been so long absent from court, having received an express to hasten his return to the exercise of his former honorary offices ; and the earl's connections also, calling him to London, those two noblemen, the dutches, countess, and our friend the viscount, after taking a most endearing farewell, departed for that metropolis, to

which we promised soon to repair. Lord William and his fair spouse took up their residence at Brome-hall, and my father and mother theirs at my seat in Fifeshire. The marquis and marchioness retired to the estate their father-in-law had left them, and I, with my fair bride, to that he had bequeathed to my mother, on account of its neighbourhood to Brome-hall. Kelly lives at a house of the duke's near Edinburgh, and our friend Harry, with his bride, dwell happily with their father and mother at the Holm. Sprat and his wife remain still upon their farm, surrounded by a number of prattling children, and rewarded for their industry and fidelity with the blessings of increase and plenty. We frequently visit each other, and live together in a harmony that has yet never been disturbed.

disturbed. The duke and dutchess, earl and countess, and our friend the viscount, often spend part of the summer with us, and we always visit them in London in the winter season. One charming boy has crowned our loves, and my friend has as pretty a girl, the picture of his Charlotte, who, if they live to inherit the affection of their fathers and mothers for each other, may continue to remoter years the alliance of our families. At present, duty, love, friendship and domestic joys engross all my soul; nor has ambition the least share: We live in exact fidelity to the government, nor ever once regret the empty titles we have lost; ready at any call to serve our country, or to benefit mankind.

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39 9—dele of  
46 14—dele of  
62 16—for *slight* read *flight*  
67 18—for *of parents* read *of my parents*  
111 8—for *when heard* read *when he heard*  
142 6—for *in a language* read *he addressed  
us in a language*  
159 6—for *George* read *William*  
174 4—for *Talernian* read *Falernian*

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Page 97 line 6—for *cottag steaid* read *cottage, staid*

142 6—for *lapi* read *lapis*  
259 6—dele *was*

V O L. III:

Page 10 line 7—for *with* read *which*

81 16—for *we* read *us*  
87 2—for *drear* read *dread*  
253 3—for *has* read *had*